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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

ANSWER: From YOU - the employer!

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

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NEBRASKA Work Trends

August 1979

SELECTED U.S. INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT DATA, BY REGION AND INDUSTRY, DURING SELECTED TIME PERIODS [1]

Regional Personal Income Growth in Recovery Period
Total Percent Change from 1975:1 to 1979:1

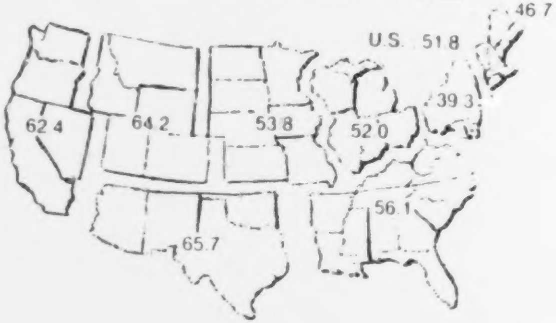

Table 1. Regional Employment Change During Recession (1974-75) and Recovery (1975-78)

(Total percent change in period of nonfarm payroll employment)

	Recession		Recovery	
	Total	Manufacturing	Total	Manufacturing
New England	—3.3	—9.1	11.7	13.0
Mid-Atlantic	—2.6	—9.3	5.5	3.8
Great Lakes	—3.4	—10.6	10.0	9.8
Plains	—0.7	—7.8	11.9	11.8
Southeast	—2.4	—9.2	14.2	14.2
Southwest	1.7	—3.2	17.5	17.2
Mountain	1.0	—4.6	20.1	20.2
Far West	0.6	—6.1	18.8	18.0

Table 2. Growth of Major Personal Income Sources During Recession and Recovery

(Annual rates of change)

Wages in:	1973:4 to 1975:1	1975:1 to 1978:4
Manufacturing	0.9%	11.9%
Construction	0.6	11.1
Services *	8.9	11.3
Government	8.6	6.5
Transfer payment	21.3	9.8

* Includes transportation, communication, public utilities, finance, insurance, real estate, services, and trade.

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[1] Source of data: U.S. Department of Commerce, as presented in Business America, September 10, 1979.

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LABOR FORCE DATA[1/]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

August 1979

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Aug 1979	Jul 1979	Aug 1978	Jul 1979	Aug 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	783,850	799,800	770,700	-15,950	13,150
Employment	761,350	776,200	748,300	-14,850	13,050
Unemployment	22,500	23,600	22,400	- 1,100	100
Unemployment rate 2/	2.9	3.0	2.9	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	279,400	282,700	275,000	- 3,300	4,400
Employment	268,450	271,550	262,950	- 3,100	5,500
Unemployment	10,950	11,150	12,050	- 200	-1,100
Unemployment rate 2/	3.9	3.9	4.4	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	110,250	109,900	109,500	350	750
Employment	107,500	106,800	106,650	700	850
Unemployment	2,750	3,100	2,850	- 350	- 100
Unemployment rate 2/	2.5	2.8	2.6	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 236,900 is included in the Nebraska totaly only, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 42,500 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 1,100 from July 1979 to August 1979, reaching a new total of 22,500. The August 1979 total was 100 more than in August 1978. The unemployment rate edged downward from 3.0 in July 1979 to 2.9 in August 1979, but was the same as in August 1978 (3.0).

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 200 from July 1979 to August 1979, and also decreased by 1,100 from August 1978. The unemployment rate remained the same in August 1979 as it had been in July 1979 (3.9), but was below the August 1978 rate of 4.4

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 350 from July 1979 to August 1979, and also dipped by 100 from August 1978. The unemployment rate dropped from 2.8 in July 1979 to 2.5 in August 1979, and compared to 2.6 in August 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 11,150 from August 1979 to September 1979, reaching a new total of 772,700. The unemployment segment is projected as 22,700, while the employment segment is projected as 750,000.

NEBRASKA

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA[1] [2]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Aug 1979[3]	Jul 1979[4]	Aug 1978[4]	Change From		Percent Change From
				Jul 1979	Aug 1978	Aug 1978
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	616,100	616,750	604,550	- 650	11,550	1.9
MANUFACTURING	96,700	96,950	93,350	- 250	3,350	3.6
Durable goods	51,700	51,850	48,450	- 150	3,250	6.7
Construction material	5,300	5,350	5,400	- 50	- 150	- 2.4
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	- 200	- 8.3
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	3,200	3,250	3,150	- 50	50	1.9
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,750	1,850	- 50	- 150	- 7.3
Metals	10,200	10,200	9,700	0	500	5.1
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,850	1,600	0	250	16.2
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	8,350	8,350	8,100	0	250	2.9
Machinery except electrical	12,900	12,900	11,000	0	1,900	17.2
Farm machinery & equipment	7,650	7,700	6,650	- 50	1,000	15.0
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,600	10,450	9,950	150	650	6.3
Transportation equipment	5,850	6,100	5,600	- 250	250	4.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,150	3,300	3,150	- 150	0	0.4
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,150	5,100	4,900	50	250	4.8
Nondurable goods	45,000	45,100	44,900	- 100	100	0.2
Food & kindred products	26,100	26,150	26,750	- 50	- 650	- 2.4
Meat products	12,150	12,250	12,600	- 100	- 450	- 3.7
Dairy products	2,100	2,150	2,150	- 50	- 50	- 0.8
Grain mill	5,600	5,550	5,450	50	150	2.5
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,250	6,200	6,550	50	- 300	- 4.6
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,250	2,350	0	- 100	- 4.6
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,350	7,300	7,050	50	300	4.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,250	2,250	2,250	0	0	- 0.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	7,050	7,150	6,500	- 100	550	8.8
NONMANUFACTURING	519,400	519,800	511,200	- 400	8,200	1.6
MINING	1,650	1,650	1,700	0	- 50	- 3.0
CONSTRUCTION	37,300	37,050	37,200	250	100	0.3
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	11,800	11,250	11,150	550	650	5.8
Construction other than building construction - general ocntractors	9,100	9,350	8,950	- 250	150	1.5
Construction - special trade contractors	16,400	16,450	17,100	- 50	- 700	- 3.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,050	47,100	44,800	- 50	2,250	5.0
Railroad transportation	15,900	15,700	15,050	200	850	5.4
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,800	15,100	14,500	- 300	300	2.2
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,350	16,300	15,250	50	1,100	7.3

TRADE	158,800	159,050	154,750	- 250	4,050	2.6
Wholesale	47,500	47,550	45,400	- 50	2,100	4.7
Durable	24,500	24,500	23,200	0	1,300	5.6
Nondurable	23,000	23,050	22,200	- 50	800	3.8
Retail	111,300	111,500	109,350	- 200	1,950	1.8
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,750	5,950	5,800	- 200	- 50	- 0.7
General merchandise stores	15,150	15,350	16,000	- 200	- 830	- 5.2
Food stores	14,650	14,750	14,600	- 100	50	0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,700	16,850	16,800	- 150	- 100	- 0.6
Apparel & accessory stores	6,450	6,400	6,050	50	400	6.9
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,050	4,050	4,200	0	- 150	- 3.0
Eating & drinking places	37,300	36,950	34,250	350	3,050	8.9
Miscellaneous retail	11,250	11,200	11,650	50	- 400	- 3.7
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,450	3,450	3,500	0	- 50	- 1.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	7,800	7,750	8,150	50	- 350	- 4.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	40,950	40,900	39,450	50	1,500	3.8
Banking	10,550	10,500	10,250	50	300	2.7
Insurance	19,500	19,550	19,000	- 50	500	2.8
Real estate	4,600	4,600	4,300	0	300	6.5
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,250	5,900	50	400	6.6
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	111,650	110,900	108,600	750	3,050	2.8
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,100	7,350	7,100	- 250	0	- 0.1
Personal services	5,350	5,300	5,550	50	- 200	- 3.6
Business services	15,600	15,250	14,900	350	700	4.5
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,550	3,600	3,550	- 50	0	0.1
Amusement & recreation	7,150	7,050	6,650	100	500	7.4
Health services	39,350	39,050	38,250	300	1,100	2.9
Educational services	7,850	6,750	7,650	1,100	200	2.8
Social services	5,550	5,500	5,550	50	0	- 0.1
Membership organizations	8,450	9,350	8,500	- 900	- 50	- 0.6
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,700	11,700	10,900	0	800	7.2
GOVERNMENT	122,000	123,150	124,700	-1,150	-2,700	- [illegible].2
Federal	16,350	16,600	16,650	- 250	- 300	- 1.6
State	31,250	29,650	30,750	1,600	500	1.6
Local	74,400	76,900	77,300	-2,500	-2,900	- 3.8

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Data were compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

3/ Preliminary estimate.

4/ Revised.

AUGUST 1979 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 650 from July 1979 to August 1979. Manufacturing dipped by 250, while nonmanufacturing dropped 400.

The decrease of 250 in manufacturing included a slight reduction of 150 in durable goods and a slender decline of 100 in nondurable goods.

Month-to-month gains were registered in servuces)750, led by a gain of 1,100 in educational services), construction/mining (250), and finance-insurance real estate (50).

Month-to-month decreases were reported for govenrment (-1,150, led by a drop of 2,500 in local government), trade (-250), and transportation-communication-utilities (-50).

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 11,550 from August 1978 to August 1979. This included a gain of 3,350 in manufacturing employment, and a rise of 8,250 in nonmanufacturing employment.

The increase of 3,350 in manufacturing was primarily in durable goods with a gain of 3,250. Over one-half of the gain in durable goods was in machinery except electrical (1,900). Nondurable goods had a small increase of 100.

Other year-to-year increases included trade (4,050), services (3,050), transportation-communication-utilities (2,250), finance-insurance-real estate (1,500), and construction/mining (50). The increase in trade included a gain of 2,100 in wholesale trade, with a rise of 1,950 in retail trade - led by a gain of 3,050 in eating and drinking places. The increase in service employment came primarily in health services (1,100), business services (700), and other services (800).

The only year-to-year decrease was in government (-2,700), led by a drop in local government employment (-2,900).

OUTLOOK . . . .

October 1979 employment levels are expected to show customary seasonal declines in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate and services. Construction/mining is expected to experience a substantial reduction in employment, following the usual fall trend. A moderate drop is anticipated in transportation-communication-utilities, principally in railroad activity. Small decreases are expected in finance-insurance-real estate and services. Agriculture is expected to show a small rise, following customary seasonal trends. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged for manufacturing, trade and government. It should be noted that employment estimates in the future are highly contingent upon energy-related developments and uncertainties, and not forecastable in a definitive fashion at this time.

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WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

August 1979

			Nonag Job Openings					
				Unfilled				
	Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Received FY to date 2/	Total	30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL 3/	114,081	23,833	73,127	6,596	3,387	1.6	3.6	51.3
0-1 Professional, technical and managerial	12,453	3,218	5,828	1,165	837	2.1	2.3	71.8
2 Clerical and slaes	28,808	5,909	14,491	1,378	602	2.0	4.3	43.7
Entry codes 4/	7,016	1,273	------	-----	-----	---	---	-----
20-24 Clerical	16,735	3,566	11,389	993	415	1.4	3.6	41.8
25-29 Sales	5,057	1,070	3,102	385	187	1.6	2.8	48.6
3 Service	17,220	3,894	12,559	1,281	544	1.4	3.0	42.5
Entry codes 4/	3,484	675	------	-----	-----	---	---	----
30 Domestic	1,279	306	2,097	76	31	0.6	4.0	40.8
31-39 Other	12,457	2,913	10,462	1,205	513	1.2	2.4	42.6
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	7,483	717	5,968	258	233	1.3	2.8	90.3
5 Processing	2,002	630	1,468	202	83	1.4	3.1	41.1
6 Machine trades	4,237	937	2,699	325	170	1.6	2.9	52.3
7 Bench work	4,765	1,083	2,749	216	96	1.7	2.0	44.4
8 Structural work	12,822	2,120	10,617	927	385	1.2	2.3	41.5
9 Miscellaneous	15,663	3,231	16,920	605	198	0.9	5.3	32.7
Entry codes 4/	4,165	778	------	-----	-----	---	---	----
90-91 Motor freight transportation	4,978	961	6,445	310	116	0.8	3.1	37.4
92 Packaging, materials handling	6,042	1,378	9,847	252	66	0.6	5.5	26.2
93-97 Other 5/	448	114	628	43	16	0.7	2.7	37.2

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

2/ Period covered: 10-1-78 through 8-31-79. FY 1979 defined as 10-1-78 through 9-30-79.

3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

August 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug 1979 [2]	Jul 1979 [3]	Aug 1978 [3]	Aug 1979 [2]	Jul 1979 [3]	Aug 1978 [3]	Aug 1979 [2]	Jul 1979 [3]	Aug 1978 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$274.73	$268.27	$239.37	41.5	41.4	41.2	$6.62	$6.48	$5.81
Durable goods	271.58	260.38	235.50	41.4	41.2	41.1	6.56	6.32	5.73
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	246.45	241.96	225.23	42.2	42.3	42.9	5.84	5.72	5.25
Primary and fabricated metals	262.66	271.74	234.03	40.1	42.0	40.7	6.55	6.47	5.75
Machinery and transportation equipment	294.27	277.12	248.46	41.8	41.3	41.0	7.04	6.71	6.06
Nondurable goods	278.30	277.72	244.08	41.6	41.7	41.3	6.69	6.66	5.91
Food and kindred products	308.29	307.01	259.79	42.7	42.7	41.7	7.22	7.19	6.23
Meat products	333.52	325.48	277.31	41.9	41.2	39.9	7.96	7.90	6.95
Dairy products	208.17	204.00	180.38	39.5	40.0	37.5	5.27	5.10	4.81
Grain mill products	345.28	356.21	311.39	48.7	50.1	51.3	7.09	7.11	6.07
Bakery products	235.98	237.65	224.95	34.4	35.0	36.4	6.86	6.79	6.18
Other food and kindred products	227.37	235.58	191.49	40.1	40.9	39.0	5.67	5.76	4.91
Printing and publishing	258.75	257.09	238.11	41.4	41.2	41.7	6.25	6.24	5.71
Chemicals and allied products	272.19	269.02	253.02	42.2	42.1	42.1	6.45	6.39	6.01

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[1] Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Progrma.

[2] Preliminary.

[3] Revised.

Average weekly hours in Nebraska manufacturing increased $6.46 from July 1979 to August 1979. This included a rise of $11.20 in durable goods along with a small gain of $.58 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased $35.36, including a gain of $36.08 in durable goods and of $34.22 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased slightly - from 41.1 in July 1979 to 41.5 in August 1979, and also showed an increase of 0.3 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings increased $.14 month-to-month, and $.81 year-to-year.

ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)
July 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jul 1979 2/	Jun 1979 3/	Jul 1978 3/	Jul 1979 2/	Jun 1979 3/	Jul 1978 3/	Jul 1979 2/	Jun 1979 3/	Jul 1978 3/	Jul 1979 2/	Jun 1979 3/	Jul 1978 3/	Jul 1979 2/	Jun 1979 3/	Jul 1978 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	39	46	44	35	42	38	37	42	40	27	31	29	3	3	3
Durable goods	42	47	43	39	44	34	39	42	35	27	31	26	3	2	2
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	61	72	53	59	70	48	50	56	40	42	45	30	1	4/	2
Furniture and fixtures	40	60	43	38	59	43	76	52	48	27	30	42	7	10	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	40	43	46	37	40	42	46	50	36	25	32	24	11	5	1
Machinery and transportation equipment	38	43	41	35	40	29	33	36	33	24	27	25	1	1	2
Other durable goods	52	49	36	48	47	32	40	51	37	35	41	28	4/	2	5
Nondurable goods	36	45	46	31	40	41	35	40	46	27	30	22	2	3	7
Food and kindred products	35	42	45	29	38	39	33	40	48	26	30	32	2	3	7
Meat products	35	30	42	25	29	39	29	44	52	22	33	33	3	2	10
Dairy products	15	14	40	15	11	36	34	40	27	31	21	18	3	15	4/
Grain mill products	26	66	33	24	55	30	22	22	30	17	17	24	4/	1	1
Bakery products	29	70	27	26	58	25	50	46	31	40	43	27	2	4/	1
Other food and kindred products	64	50	71	57	48	50	52	49	64	40	38	40	2	3	10
Textiles and apparel	63	41	63	55	37	54	59	72	66	47	41	54	8	22	6
Paper and allied products	19	60	55	16	42	54	25	48	35	21	34	30	1	7	4/
Printing and publishing	42	53	40	40	51	37	44	36	36	35	29	29	1	1	2
Chemicals and allied products	11	22	74	11	19	74	17	24	47	12	13	29	1	4	2
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	32	53	35	28	47	32	35	43	39	26	32	27	3	4/	4/

1/ Source of data: State-Federal BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Cooperative Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Less than 0.05%.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 46 per 1,000 workers in June 1979 to 39 per 1,000 in July 1979. Both durable goods and nondurable goods experienced month-to-month declines, with durable goods dipping from 47 per 1,000 to 42 per 1,000, and nondurable goods declining from 45 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions also declined from 44 per 1,000 in July 1978 to 39 per 1,000 in July 1979. During that period, durable goods dipped only slightly, from 43 per 1,000 to 42 per 1,000, while nondurable goods decreased from 46 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Separations also declined month-to month: from 42 per 1,000 to 37 per 1,000, with both durable goods and nondurable goods showing drops. Year-to-year, separations declined from 40 per 1,000 to 37 per 1,000, including a rise in durable goods (from 35 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000), along with a decline in nondurable goods (from 46 per 1,000 to 35 per 1,000).

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

August 1979

	Aug 1979	Jul 1979	Aug 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	3,210	4,087	3,016
Weeks claimed	22,246	26,461	24,398
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$1,263,549	$1,405,205	$1,224,782
Calendar year to date	$18,247,223	$16,983,674	$19,595,503
Average size of weekly payments	$76.08	$76.06	$72.14
First payments	1,747	1,943	1,682
Exhaustions	455	501	559
Individuals who drew benefits	6,101	6,422	5,548
Rate of insured unemployment	0.9	1.0	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$45,495	$40,787	$54,492
Average size of weekly payments	$69.04	$68.90	$78.41
First payments	41	45	71
Exhaustions	11	11	11
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$13,542	$18,396	$16,751
Average size of weekly payments	$81.58	$81.76	$82.93
First payments	11	29	16
Exhaustions	1	0	4
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,488	36,329	36,344
Constributions received	$3,553,767	$5,782,940	$6,763,362
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,089,966	$75,783,294	$62,944,215

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 4,087 in July to 3,210 in August 1979. Weeks claimed decreased from 26,461 in July to 22,246 in August 1979.

UI benefit payments decreased from 1.4 million in July 1979 to 1.3 million in August 1979.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 5,636 in July to 5,161 in August 1979. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 1.0% in July to 0.9% in August 1979.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 27.4 million compared to 26.9 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 79.1 million compared to 62.9 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

August 1979

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	1,964	47.4
Female	2,180	52.6
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	3,568	86.1
All other races	576	13.9
AGE:		
Under 22	419	10.1
22 - 44	2,614	63.1
45 and over	1,111	26.8
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	1,865	45.0
5 - 14	1,784	43.1
15 and over	495	11.9

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for August 1979 was 4,144.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS......................	221.1	1.0	11.8	221.5	1.0	12.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES............	230.2	-0.2	9.6	230.4	-0.2	9.7
Food...........................	236.3	-0.3	9.7	236.5	-0.3	9.8
Food at home................	233.9	-0.7	9.0	233.5	-0.6	9.0
Cereals & bakery products...	223.7	1.6	10.1	224.1	1.4	9.9
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs.	230.2	-3.7	9.4	229.6	-3.7	9.1
Dairy products.............	208.6	1.1	12.1	208.9	1.1	12.1
Fruits & vegetables.........	237.8	-0.1	7.4	237.0	0.2	7.8
Sugar & sweets.............	281.0	0.6	7.3	279.9	0.6	7.0
Fats & oils................	228.9	0.7	6.7	228.9	0.6	6.7
Nonalcoholic beverages......	361.8	2.0	6.2	360.0	1.8	5.9
Other prepared foods........	210.5	0.7	9.6	210.4	0.8	9.7
Food away from home..........	246.5	0.7	11.2	248.3	0.7	11.9
Alcoholic beverages...........	173.3	0.3	7.6	173.6	0.2	7.6
HOUSING........................	231.5	1.4	12.8	231.5	1.4	13.0
Rent residential............	177.5	0.9	7.5	177.3	0.9	7.4
Homeownership...............	267.6	1.7	16.0	268.9	1.8	16.7
Fuel & other utilities.......	247.2	1.5	13.3	247.7	1.5	13.5
Household furnishings & oper.	191.2	0.4	6.9	189.8	0.4	6.7
APPAREL & UPKEEP..............	166.3	1.2	4.2	166.2	1.0	4.1
Men's & boy's apparel.......	159.6	0.3	1.9	161.1	0.3	2.8
Women's & girl's apparel.....	151.3	2.4	1.5	150.5	2.0	0.9
Infant's & toddler's apparel.	221.2	1.0	0.9	224.2	1.0	3.0
Footwear....................	177.5	0.5	8.6	176.9	0.2	8.5
TRANSPORATION.................	210.6	1.4	16.7	220.7	1.3	17.0
Private transportation.......	220.4	1.4	17.4	221.2	1.3	17.5
Public transportation........	200.8	1.9	7.0	200.6	1.5	6.8
MEDICAL CARE..................	241.8	0.8	9.2	242.6	0.9	9.6
Medical care commodities.....	155.0	0.6	7.3	156.2	0.6	7.7
Medical care services........	260.6	0.8	9.6	261.2	0.9	10.0
ENTERTAINMENTS................	190.2	0.6	7.2	188.9	0.2	7.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES......	197.0	0.9	7.1	197.2	1.1	7.0
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100).......	257.1			257.6		

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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

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JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Work Trends

September 1979

U. S. EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 1949-1978 [1]

(Nonagricultural payroll data, in thousands)

Year	Total	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Finance insurance, and real estate	Services	Total	Federal	State and local
1949......	43,754	930	2,194	14,441	4,001	9,264	2,602	6,662	1,828	5,240	5,856	1,908	3,948
1950......	45,197	901	2,364	15,241	4,034	9,386	2,635	6,751	1,888	5,357	6,026	1,928	4,098
1951......	47,819	929	2,637	16,393	4,226	9,742	2,727	7,015	1,956	5,547	6,389	2,302	4,087
1952......	48,793	898	2,668	16,632	4,248	10,004	2,812	7,192	2,035	5,699	6,609	2,420	4,188
1953......	50,202	866	2,659	17,549	4,290	10,247	2,854	7,393	2,111	5,835	6,645	2,305	4,340
1954......	48,990	791	2,646	16,314	4,084	10,235	2,867	7,368	2,200	5,969	6,751	2,188	4,563
1955......	50,641	792	2,839	16,882	4,141	10,535	2,926	7,609	2,298	6,240	6,914	2,187	4,727
1956......	52,369	822	3,039	17,243	4,244	10,858	3,018	7,840	2,389	6,497	7,277	2,209	5,069
1957......	52,853	828	2,962	17,174	4,241	10,886	3,028	7,858	2,438	6,706	7,616	2,217	5,399
1958......	51,324	751	2,817	15,945	3,976	10,750	2,980	7,770	2,481	6,765	7,839	2,191	5,648
1959........	53,268	732	3,004	16,675	4,911	11,127	3,082	8,045	2,549	7,087	8,083	2,233	5,850
1960......	54,189	712	2,926	16,796	4,004	11,391	3,143	8,248	2,629	7,378	8,353	2,270	6,083
1961......	53,999	672	2,859	16,326	3,903	11,337	3,133	8,204	2,688	7,620	8,594	2,279	6,315
1962......	55,549	650	2,948	16,853	3,906	11,566	3,198	8,368	2,754	7,982	8,890	2,340	6,550
1963......	56,653	635	3,010	16,995	3,903	11,778	3,248	8,530	2,830	8,277	9,225	2,358	6,868
1964......	58,283	634	3,097	17,274	3,951	12,160	3,337	8,823	2,911	8,660	9,596	2,348	7,248
1965......	60,765	632	3,232	18,062	4,036	12,716	3,466	9,250	2,977	9,036	10,074	2,378	7,696
1966......	63,901	627	3,317	19,214	2,158	13,245	3,497	9,648	3,058	9,498	10,784	2,564	8,220
1967......	65,803	613	3,248	19,447	4,268	13,606	3,689	9,917	3,185	10,045	11,391	2,719	8,672
1968......	67,892	606	3,350	19,781	4,318	14,099	3,779	10,320	3,337	10,567	11,839	2,737	9,102
1969......	70,384	619	3,575	20,167	4,442	14,705	3,907	10,798	3,512	11,169	12,195	2,758	9,437
1970......	70,880	623	3,588	19,367	4,515	15,040	3,993	11,047	3,645	11,548	12,554	2,731	9,823
1971......	71,214	609	3,704	18,623	4,476	15,352	4,001	11,351	3,772	11,797	12,881	2,696	10,185
1972......	73,675	628	3,889	19,151	4,541	15,949	4,113	11,836	3,908	12,276	13,334	2,684	10,649
1973......	76,790	642	4,097	20,154	4,656	16,607	4,277	12,329	4,046	12,857	13,732	2,663	11,068
1974......	78,265	697	4,020	20,077	4,725	16,987	4,433	12,554	4,148	13,441	14,170	2,724	11,446
1975......	76,945	752	3,525	18,323	4,542	17,060	4,415	12,645	4,165	13,892	2,748	11,937	
1976......	79,382	779	3,576	18,997	4,582	17,755	4,546	13,209	4,271	14,551	14,871	2,733	12,138
1977......	82,256	809	3,833	19,647	4,696	18,492	4,697	13,795	4,452	15,249	15,079	2,727	12,352
1978......	85,763	837	4,212	20,332	4,859	19,394	4,898	14,496	4,676	15,979	15,476	2,753	12,723

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[1] Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, August 1979.

NOTE: Data include Alaska and Hawaii beginning in 1959.

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LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)
September 1979

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Sep 1979	Aug 1979	Sep 1978	Aug 1979	Sep 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	781,400	781,800	759,250	- 400	22,150
Employment	753,250	759,400	733,050	-6,150	20,200
Unemployment	28,150	22,400	26,200	5,750	1,950
Unemployment rate 2/	3.6	2.9	3.5	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	283,100	277,050	274,900	6,050	8,200
Employment	268,800	266,100	261,800	2,700	7,000
Unemployment	14,300	10,950	13,100	3,350	1,200
Unemployment rate 2/	5.1	4.0	4.8	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	113,600	109,950	112,450	3,650	1,150
Employment	110,100	107,200	109,000	2,900	1,100
Unemployment	3,500	2,750	3,450	750	50
Unemployment rate 2/	3.1	2.5	3.1	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 240,150 is included in the Nebraska total only, but the Iosa portion, estimated at 42,950, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 5,750 from August 1979 to September 1979, reaching a new total of 28,150. The September 1979 level was 1,950 higher than in September 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 2.9 in August 1979 to 3.6 in September 1979, and compared to 3.5 in September 1978.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 3,350 from August 1979 to September 1979, and also increased by 1,200 from September 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 4.0 in August 1979 to 5.1 in September 1979, and compared to 4.8 in September 1978.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA rose by 750 from August 1979 to September 1979, and also had a slight increase of 50 from September 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 2.5 in August 1979 to 3.1 in September 1979, but was unchanged from the 3.1 rate of September 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 2,250 from September 1979 to October 1979, reaching a new total of 779,150. The unemployment segment is projected as 28,150, while the employment segment is projected as 751,000.

NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1] [2]
Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Sep 1979 [3]	Aug 1979 [4]	Sep 1978 [4]	Change From Aug 1979	Change From Sep 1978	Percent Change From Sep 1978
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	622,800	614,000	604,500	8,800	18,300	3.0
MANUFACTURING	96,600	96,850	93,550	- 250	3,050	3.2
Durable goods	51,750	51,700	48,700	50	3,050	6.3
Construction material	5,200	5,250	5,400	- 50	- 200	- 3.6
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,050	2,100	2,300	- 50	- 250	-10.5
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	3,150	3,150	3,100	0	50	1.5
Furniture & fixtures	1,800	1,700	2,000	100	- 200	-10.5
Metals	10,350	10,300	9,850	50	500	5.1
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,900	1,600	- 50	250	18.4
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	8,500	8,400	8,250	100	250	2.6
Machinery except electrical	12,950	12,900	10,900	50	2,050	18.9
Farm machinery & equipment	7,700	7,650	6,550	50	1,150	17.7
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,500	10,500	9,950	0	550	5.6
Transportation equipment	5,800	5,900	5,700	- 100	100	1.4
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,150	3,150	- 50	- 50	- 1.9
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,150	5,150	4,900	0	250	5.8
Nondurable goods	44,850	45,150	44,850	- 300	0	- 0.1
Food & kindred products	25,900	26,150	26,750	- 250	- 850	- 3.1
Meat products	12,250	12,200	12,650	50	- 400	- 3.2
Dairy products	2,050	2,100	2,100	- 50	- 50	- 1.1
Grain mill	5,300	5,600	5,400	- 300	- 100	2.6
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,300	6,250	6,600	50	- 300	- 4.2
Textile products & apparel	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0	0.3
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,450	7,400	7,100	50	350	5.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,250	2,250	2,200	0	50	1.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,950	7,050	6,500	- 100	450	6.1
NONMANUFACTURING	526,200	517,150	510,950	9,050	15,250	3.0
MINING	1,500	1,600	1,600	- 50	- 50	- 2.7
CONSTRUCTION	36,350	37,250	35,950	- 900	400	1.1
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	11,200	11,250	10,950	- 50	250	2.3
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	9,250	9,550	8,450	- 300	800	9.4
Construction - special trade contractors	15,900	16,450	16,550	- 550	- 650	- 3.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,300	47,400	45,100	- 100	2,200	4.9
Railroad transportation	16,000	16,000	15,350	0	650	4.4
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	15,050	15,050	14,550	0	500	3.4
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,250	16,350	15,200	- 100	1,050	6.7

TRADE	159,750	158,650	155,800	1,100	3,950	2.6
Wholesale	47,150	47,150	45,600	0	1,550	3.4
Durable	24,150	24,250	23,250	- 100	900	3.8
Nondurable	23,000	22,900	22,350	100	650	3.0
Retail	112,600	111,500	110,200	1,100	2,400	2.2
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,700	5,800	5,750	- 100	- 50	- 0.7
General merchandise stores	15,400	15,200	16,200	200	- 800	- 4.9
Food stores	14,850	14,650	14,900	200	- 50	- 0.1
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,900	16,950	16,600	- 50	300	1.6
Apparel & accessory stores	6,300	6,300	6,100	0	200	3.1
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,100	4,050	4,150	50	- 50	- 1.6
Eating & drinking places	38,050	37,300	34,800	750	3,250	9.4
Miscellaneous retail	11,300	11,250	11,700	50	- 400	- 3.5
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,500	3,500	3,550	0	- 50	- 1.9
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	7,800	7,750	8,150	50	- 350	- 4.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	40,400	40,650	39,300	- 250	1,100	2.8
Banking	10,250	10,350	10,200	- 100	50	0.6
Insurance	19,350	19,450	19,050	- 100	300	1.6
Real estate	4,500	4,600	4,200	- 100	300	6.6
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,250	5,850	50	450	7.7
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	113,450	110,800	109,850	2,650	3,600	3.3
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,350	7,400	7,050	- 50	300	4.3
Personal services	5,350	5,350	5,600	0	- 250	- 4.0
Business services	16,150	15,550	15,150	600	1,000	6.5
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,550	3,600	3,500	- 50	50	1.2
Amusement & recreation	7,250	7,100	6,500	150	750	11.7
Health services	39,500	39,600	38,050	- 100	1,450	3.8
Educational services	9,050	6,800	9,150	2,250	- 100	- 1.4
Social services	5,350	5,400	5,400	- 50	- 50	- 0.7
Membership organizations	8,450	8,350	8,700	100	- 250	- 2.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,450	11,650	10,750	- 200	700	6.4
GOVERNMENT	127,400	120,800	123,350	6,600	4,050	3.3
Federal	16,150	16,300	16,300	- 150	- 150	- 0.7
State	34,500	31,250	33,800	3,250	700	2.0
Local	76,750	73,250	73,250	3,500	3,500	4.7

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Data were compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

3/ Preliminary estimate.

4/ Revised.

SEPTEMBER 1979 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 8,800 from August 1979 to September 1979. Manufacturing had a small drop of 250, while nonmanufacturing employment rose by 9,050.

The drop of 250 in manufacturing included a decline of 300 in nondurable goods which more than counterbalanced a slight gain of 50 in durable goods.

Month-to-month increases were registered in government, services and trade. Government employment increased by 6,600, primarily as a result of customary seasonal increases in educational services. Similarly, nearly seven-eighths of the 2,650 gain in services was in educational services. All of the increase of 1,100 in trade was in retail trade, paced by a gain of 750 in eating and drinking places.

Month-to-month losses other than manufacturing occurred in construction/mining (-900), finance-insurance-real estate (-250), and transportation-communication-real estate (-100).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 18,300 from September 1978 to September 1979. Manufacturing accounted for 3,050 of that increase, and nonmanufacturing provided 15,250 of it.

The increase of 3,050 in manufacturing occurred entirely in durable goods, led by a rise of 2,050 in machinery except electrical.

Year-to-year increases were registered in all industries. Construction/mining gained 350. Transportation-communication-utilities rose by 2,200. Trade had an increase of 3,950, including a gain of 1,550 in wholesale trade and of 2,400 in retail trade. The major gainer in retail trade was eating and drinking places (3,250). Finance-insurance-real estate increased by 1,100. Service employment gained by 3,600 , with the largest increases in health services (1,450), and business services (1,000). Government increased by 4,050, with 3,500 of that increase in local government.

OUTLOOK. . . . .

Employment activity in November 1979 is expected to show a moderate rise in trade, following the customary seasonal trend of increased hiring for the holiday buying season. Service is also anticipated to have a small rise.

During the same period, it is expected that substantial employment reductions will occur in construction/mining and agriculture, following customary seasonal trends. Transportation-communication-utilities is expected to have a moderate seasonal decline.

Employment levels in manufacturing, finance-insurance-real estate, and government are expected to remain relatively unchanged.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

September 1979

	Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received FY to date 2/	Nonag Job Openings Unfilled Total	Nonag Job Openings Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL 3/	123,508	21,776	84,695	6,381	3,765	1.5	3.4	59.0
0-1 Professional, technical and managerial	13,165	3,053	6,352	1,188	862	2.1	2.6	72.6
2 Clerical and sales	25,357	5,016	16,136	1,651	756	1.6	3.0	45.8
Entry codes 4/	2,247	429	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24 Clerical	17,790	3,595	12,732	1,318	557	1.4	2.7	42.3
25-29 Sales	5,320	992	3,404	333	199	1.6	3.0	59.8
3 Service	21,830	4,106	13,934	1,162	717	1.6	3.5	61.7
Entry codes 4/	7,355	1,209	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Domestic	1,325	233	2,251	70	42	0.6	3.3	60.0
31-39 Other	13,150	2,672	11,683	1,092	675	1.1	2.4	61.8
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	11,475	459	10,078	74	30	1.1	6.2	40.5
5 Processing	2,233	519	1,819	183	99	1.2	2.8	54.1
6 Machine trades	4,477	878	2,942	329	199	1.5	2.7	60.5
7 Bench work	5,051	987	2,955	204	145	1.7	4.8	71.1
8 Structural work	13,380	1,818	11,750	838	459	1.1	2.2	54.8
9 Miscellaneous	16,338	2,955	18,616	516	263	0.9	5.7	51.0
Entry codes 4/	4,301	702	—	—	—	—	—	—
90-91 Motor freight transportation	5,228	892	7,259	288	158	0.7	3.1	54.9
92 Packaging, materials handling	6,337	1,257	10,689	188	83	0.6	6.7	44.2
93-97 Other 5/	472	104	668	40	22	0.7	2.6	55.0

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-78 through 9-30-79. FY 1979 defined as 10-1-78 through 9-30-79.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

September 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sep 1979 2/	Aug 1979 3/	Sep 1978 3/	Sep 1979 2/	Aug 1979 3/	Sep 1978 3/	Sep 1979 2/	Aug 1979 3/	Sep 1978 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$279.64	$273.65	$253.38	41.8	41.4	42.3	$6.69	$6.61	$5.99
Durable goods	280.63	269.04	248.47	42.2	41.2	41.9	6.65	6.53	5.93
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	242.53	238.78	225.46	42.4	41.6	42.3	5.72	5.74	5.33
Primary and fabricated metals	278.39	262.28	242.08	41.8	39.8	41.1	6.66	6.59	5.89
Machinery and transportation equipment	307.30	292.60	267.97	42.8	41.8	42.2	7.18	7.00	6.35
Nondurable goods	279.45	278.30	258.34	41.4	41.6	42.7	6.75	6.69	6.05
Food and kindred products	306.79	308.00	277.33	42.2	42.6	43.4	7.27	7.23	6.39
Meat products	334.02	331.55	311.46	41.7	41.6	43.5	8.01	7.97	7.16
Dairy products	196.18	208.17	180.91	36.6	39.5	37.3	5.36	5.27	4.85
Grain mill products	349.86	349.86	314.05	49.0	49.0	50.9	7.14	7.14	6.17
Bakery products	236.22	234.18	227.52	35.1	34.9	36.0	6.73	6.71	5.32
Other food and kindred products	222.69	227.77	191.28	39.0	40.1	38.8	5.71	5.68	4.93
Printing and publishing	258.85	262.48	253.15	40.7	41.4	43.2	6.36	6.34	5.86
Chemicals and allied products	282.08	268.36	251.93	43.0	41.8	42.7	6.56	6.42	5.90

1/ Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $5.99 from August 1979 to September 1979, with durable goods gaining $11.59, and nondurable goods showing a very slight increase of $1.15. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings were up by $26.26, with durable goods rising by $32.16, and nondurable goods increasing by $21.11.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.4 hours month-to-month, but dropped by 0.5 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings had a small gain of $.08 from August 1979 to September 1979, and increased by $.70 from September 1978.

ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

August 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug2/ 1979	Jul3/ 1979	Aug3/ 1978	Aug2/ 1979	Jul3/ 1979	Aug3/ 1978	Aug2/ 1979	Jul3/ 1979	Aug3/ 1978	Aug2/ 1979	Jul3/ 1979	Aug3/ 1978	Aug2/ 1979	Jul3/ 1979	Aug3/ 1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	48	39	55	44	35	50	62	37	60	49	27	48	4	3	3
Durable goods	48	42	55	45	39	48	61	39	58	49	27	46	3	3	3
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	68	61	82	67	59	76	110	50	95	83	42	80	10	1	4/
Furniture and fixtures	81	40	64	81	38	64	78	76	69	62	27	58	4/	7	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	51	40	58	42	37	53	62	46	62	43	25	49	11	11	3
Machinery and transportation equipment	41	37	47	38	34	39	52	33	50	44	24	39	4/	1	3
Other durable goods	53	52	57	50	48	53	60	40	49	51	35	42	1	4/	1
Nondurable goods	48	36	56	44	31	51	63	35	63	50	27	50	5	2	3
Food and kindred products	46	35	57	40	29	52	56	33	64	48	26	53	2	2	4
Meat products	43	34	57	35	25	51	48	28	63	41	22	54	1	2	4
Dairy products	27	15	38	27	15	36	50	34	35	42	31	29	3	3	1
Grain mill products	34	26	38	33	24	36	50	22	52	44	17	47	1	4/	1
Bakery products	51	29	39	47	26	34	81	50	79	63	40	63	2	2	1
Other food and kindred products	78	64	94	73	57	88	82	52	95	72	40	72	4	2	10
Textiles and apparel	77	63	59	75	55	54	70	59	85	63	47	71	4/	8	10
Paper and allied products	54	19	68	51	16	65	56	25	65	46	21	56	4/	1	1
Printing and publishing	51	42	51	48	40	50	65	44	52	58	35	46	2	1	1
Chemicals and allied products	18	11	44	16	11	42	36	17	53	24	12	41	5	1	2
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	54	35	55	51	31	48	101	35	65	54	26	36	26	3	3

1/ Source of data: State-Federal BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Cooperative Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Less than 0.5.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 39 per 1,000 workers in July 1979 to 48 per 1,000 workers in August 1979. Both durable and nondurable goods increased, month-to-month, with durable goods increasing from 42 per 1,000 to 48 per 1,000, and nondurable goods increasing from 36 per 1,000 to 48 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 55 per 1,000 in August 1978 to 48 per 1,000 in August 1979, reflecting decreases in both durable and nondurable goods. Separations increased from 37 per 1,000 workers in July 1979 to 62 per 1,000 in August 1979. Durable goods increased from 30 per 1,000 to 61 per 1,000 during that period, while nondurable goods increased from 35 per 1,000 to 63 per 1,000. Year-to-year, separations increased slightly, from 60 per 1,000 to 62 per 1,000, with durable goods increasing from 58 per 1,000 to 61 per 1,000, while nondurable goods remained the same in both periods (63 per 1,000).

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

September 1979

	Sep 1979	Aug 1979	Sep 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	3,037	3,210	2,685
Weeks claimed	16,270	22,246	17,748
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$1,144,833	$1,263,549	$932,643
Calendar year to date	$19,392,056	$18,247,223	$20,528,146
Average size of weekly payments	$85.31	$76.08	$73.49
First payments	1,256	1,747	1,169
Exhaustions	384	455	438
Individuals who drew benefits	5,215	6,101	4,545
Rate of insured unemployment	0.8	0.9	0.9
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$42,493	$45,495	$43,608
Average size of weekly payments	$75.61	$69.04	$78.01
First payments	36	41	41
Exhaustions	15	11	16
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$12,147	$13,542	$10,237
Average size of weekly payments	$88.02	$81.58	$86.03
First payments	36	11	12
Exhaustions	2	1	3
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,684	36,544	36,166
Contributions received	$121,656	$3,553,767	$148,638
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$77,776,914	$79,089,966	$62,248,531

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 3,210 in August to 3,037 in September 1978. Weeks claimed decreased from 22,246 in August to 16,270 in September 1978.

UI benefit payments decreased from 1.3 million in August to 1.1 million in September 1979.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 5,161 in August to 4,286 in September 1979. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 0.9 percent in August to 0.8 percent in September 1979.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 27.5 million in 1979 compared to 27.0 million in 1978.

The fund balance stood at 77.8 million in 1979 compared to 62.2 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

September 1979

	Percent of total
SEX:	
Male	49.5
Female	50.5
RACE:	
White	86.7
All other races	13.3
AGE:	
Under 22	9.7
22 - 44	64.2
45 and over	26.1
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:	
4 or less	45.2
5 - 14	41.3
15 and over	13.5

	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:	
Professional, technical and managerial	18.8
Clerical and sales	24.6
Services	9.7
Farm and related	0.6
Processing	6.0
Machine trades	4.7
Bench work	6.5
Structural work	14.5
Miscellaneous	14.6
INDUSTRY:	
Manufacturing	27.2
Nonmanufacturing	72.8

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for September 1979 was 3,612.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, SEPTEMBER 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	223.4	1.0	12.1	223.7	1.0	12.4
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	231.0	0.3	9.8	231.2	0.3	10.0
Food	237.1	0.3	10.0	237.3	0.3	10.2
Food at home	234.7	0.3	9.6	234.2	0.3	9.5
Cereals & bakery products .	225.6	0.8	10.7	226.6	1.1	10.9
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	231.0	0.3	10.1	230.5	0.4	10.1
Dairy products	211.3	1.3	11.9	212.0	1.5	11.9
Fruits & vegetables	231.8	-2.5	7.2	229.6	-3.1	7.0
Sugar & sweets	282.0	0.4	7.7	281.2	0.5	7.4
Fats & oils	231.5	1.1	7.5	230.7	0.8	6.5
Nonalcoholic beverages.....	367.7	1.6	8.2	365.0	1.4	7.8
Other prepared foods	212.6	1.0	10.4	212.4	1.0	10.3
Food away from home	247.6	0.4	10.9	249.3	0.4	11.7
Alcoholic beverages	174.2	0.5	7.5	174.9	0.7	7.6
HOUSING	234.6	1.3	13.1	234.5	1.3	13.3
Rent residential	179.0	0.8	7.6	178.9	0.9	7.6
Homeownership	271.9	1.6	16.1	273.3	1.6	16.7
Fuel & other utilities	251.2	1.6	14.8	251.7	1.6	15.0
Household furnishings & oper.	192.2	0.5	6.5	190.6	0.4	6.5
APPAREL & UPKEEP	169.8	2.1	4.9	169.3	1.9	4.6
Men's & boy's apparel	162.7	1.9	2.5	163.2	1.3	2.4
Women's & girl's apparel	155.9	3.0	2.4	154.4	2.6	1.5
Infant's & toddler's apparel.	223.4	1.0	1.4	226.0	0.8	3.8
Footwear	180.1	1.5	8.7	179.4	1.4	8.9
TRANSPORTATION	221.4	0.8	17.3	222.4	0.8	17.5
Private transportation	222.0	0.7	17.9	222.7	0.7	18.0
Public transportation	205.2	2.2	9.0	204.1	1.7	8.3
MEDICAL CARE	243.7	0.8	9.5	244.7	0.9	9.8
Medical care commodities	155.8	0.5	7.4	156.7	0.3	7.7
Medical care services	262.8	0.8	9.9	263.8	1.0	10.3
ENTERTAINMENT	191.1	0.5	7.2	190.2	0.7	7.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	201.7	2.4	7.4	200.6	1.7	7.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	259.8			260.1		

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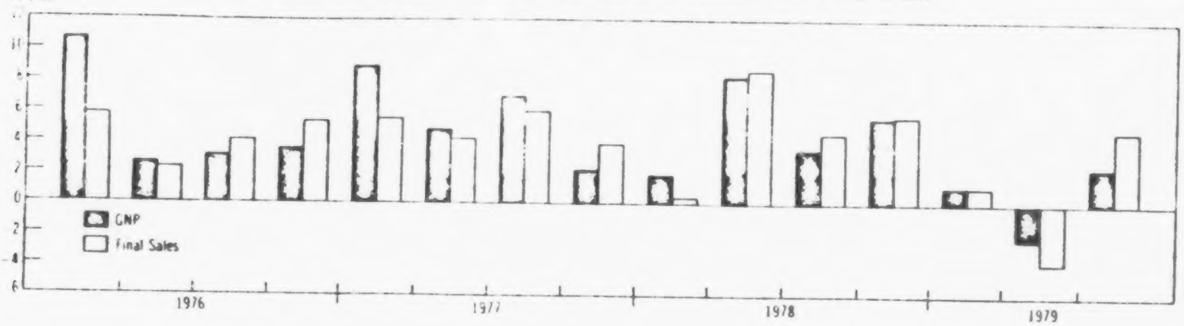
JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Work Trends

October 1979

SELECTED U.S. ECONOMIC TRENDS [1/]

Percent Change in Real Gross National Product and Final Sales



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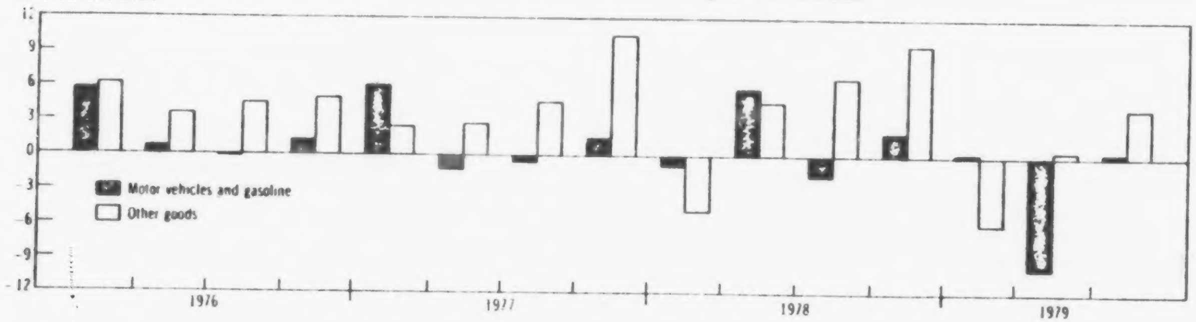

[1/] Source of data: U.S. Department of Commerce, as presented in Business America, November 5, 1979

NOTE: Series are seasonally adjusted annual rates. Third quarter 1979 data are preliminary.

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ESTIMATES OF

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

October 1979

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Oct 1979	Sep 1979	Oct 1978	Sep 1979	Oct 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	779,200	780,250	764,150	-1,050	15,050
Employment	753,750	752,100	739,800	1,650	13,950
Unemployment	25,450	28,150	24,350	-2,700	1,100
Unemployment rate 2/	3.3	3.6	3.2	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	280,200	282,400	274,050	-2,200	6,150
Employment	267,950	268,050	262,100	- 100	5,850
Unemployment	12,250	14,350	11,950	-2,100	300
Unemployment rate 2/	4.4	5.1	4.4	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	113,300	113,650	112,500	- 350	800
Employment	109,750	110,150	109,050	- 400	700
Unemployment	3,550	3,500	3,450	50	100
Unemployment rate 2/	3.1	3.1	3.1	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 237,250 is included in the Nebraska total only, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 42,950 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 2,700 from September 1979 to October 1979, reaching a new total of 25,450. The October 1979 total was 1,100 more than in October 1978. The unemployment moved downward from 3.6 in September 1979 to 3.3 in October 1979, and compared to 3.2 in October 1978.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 2,100 from September 1979 to October 1979, but increased by 300 from October 1978. The unemployment rate was reduced from 5.1 in September 1979 to 4.4 in October 1979, and compared to 4.4 in October 1978.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 50 from September 1979 to October 1979, and also showed a rise of 100 from October 1978. The unemployment rate of 3.1 in October 1979 remained the same as it had been in September 1979 and in October 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 6,400 from October 1979 to November 1979, reaching a new total of 772,800. The unemployment segment is projected as 26,000, while the employment segment is projected as 746,800.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Oct 1979 [2]	Sep 1979 [3]	Oct 1978 [3]	Change From Sep 1979	Change From Oct 1978	Percent Change From Oct 1978
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	620,000	621,700	608,750	-1,700	11,250	1.8
MANUFACTURING	96,750	96,650	93,700	100	3,050	3.3
Durable goods	52,000	51,700	48,700	300	3,300	6.8
Construction material	5,150	5,200	5,350	- 50	- 200	-3.8
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,050	2,050	2,250	0	- 200	-8.8
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	3,100	3,150	3,100	- 50	0	-0.1
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,950	0	- 200	-8.6
Metals	10,350	10,400	9,800	- 50	550	5.4
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,900	1,600	- 50	250	1.8
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	8,500	8,500	8,200	0	300	2.9
Machinery except electrical	13,200	13,000	10,900	200	2,300	20.8
Farm machinery & equipment	7,900	7,700	6,500	200	1,400	21.5
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,400	10,400	10,050	0	350	3.9
Transportation equipment	5,900	5,800	5,800	100	100	1.8
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	- 100	-3.8
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,250	5,150	4,850	100	400	8.3
Nondurable goods	44,750	44,950	45,000	- 200	- 250	-0.6
Food & kindred products	25,850	26,000	26,750	- 150	- 900	-3.3
Meat products	11,750	12,250	12,650	- 500	- 900	-7.2
Dairy products	2,000	2,050	2,100	- 50	- 100	-2.7
Grain mill	5,300	5,350	5,300	- 50	0	0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,800	6,350	6,700	450	100	1.5
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,300	2,300	- 50	- 50	-4.0
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,450	7,500	7,050	- 50	400	5.9
Chemicals & allied products	2,300	2,250	2,250	50	50	2.7
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,900	6,900	6,650	0	250	3.5
NONMANUFACTURING	523,250	525,050	515,050	-1,800	8,200	1.6
MINING	1,600	1,600	1,650	0	- 50	-4.1
CONSTRUCTION	35,250	35,550	35,250	- 300	0	0
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	10,800	10,600	10,950	200	- 150	-1.1
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	8,900	9,150	8,200	- 250	700	8.0
Construction - special trade contractors	15,550	15,800	16,100	- 250	- 550	-3.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,700	47,200	45,050	- 500	1,650	3.6
Railroad transportation	15,400	15,900	15,150	- 500	250	1.5
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	15,000	15,050	14,650	- 50	350	2.4
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,300	16,250	15,250	50	1,050	7.0

TRADE	159,500	159,650	156,450	- 150	3,050	2.0
Wholesale	47,300	46,950	45,950	350	1,350	3.0
Durable	24,350	24,200	23,400	150	950	4.1
Nondurable	22,950	22,750	22,550	200	400	1.8
Retail	112,200	112,700	110,500	- 500	1,700	1.5
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100	1.6
General merchandise stores	15,850	15,500	16,350	350	- 500	-3.0
Food stores	14,800	14,850	14,950	- 50	- 150	-0.8
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,750	16,800	16,650	- 50	100	0.5
Apparel & accessory stores	6,350	6,250	6,200	100	150	2.2
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,100	4,100	4,150	0	- 50	-0.9
Eating & drinking places	37,150	38,100	34,650	- 950	2,500	7.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,400	11,300	11,850	100	- 450	-4.2
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,550	3,500	3,600	50	- 50	-2.3
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	7,850	7,800	8,250	50	- 400	-5.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	40,650	40,500	39,350	150	1,300	3.4
Banking	10,400	10,300	10,200	100	200	2.3
Insurance	19,500	19,450	19,050	50	450	2.2
Real estate	4,400	4,450	4,200	- 50	200	5.0
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,350	6,300	5,900	50	450	7.8
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	112,800	113,700	109,500	- 900	3,300	3.0
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,200	7,400	6,900	- 200	300	4.3
Personal services	5,350	5,350	5,550	0	- 200	-4.5
Business services	16,100	16,100	15,150	0	950	6.1
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,600	3,550	3,550	50	50	0.9
Amusement & recreation	6,450	7,300	5,750	- 850	700	12.8
Health services	39,550	39,500	38,300	50	1,250	3.3
Educational services	9,250	9,150	9,500	100	- 250	-2.6
Social services	5,650	5,550	5,550	100	100	1.8
Membership organizations	8,400	8,400	8,650	0	- 250	-2.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,250	11,400	10,600	- 150	650	6.4
GOVERNMENT	126,750	126,850	127,800	- 100	-1,050	-0.8
Federal	16,050	16,050	16,350	0	- 300	-1.8
State	32,350	34,500	32,200	-2,150	150	0.4
Local	78,350	76,300	79,250	2,050	- 900	-1.2

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

OCTOBER 1979 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 1,700 from September 1979 to October 1979. Manufacturing had a small gain of 100, more than offset by a decline of 1,800 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 100 in manufacturing included a gain of 300 in durable goods, along with a dip of 200 in nondurable goods.

An increase of 150 was also reported for finance-insurance-real estate during the same period.

Month-to-month decreases occurred in services (-900), transportation-communication-utilities (-500), construction/mining (-300), trade (-150), and government (-100). The drop in government included a reduction in state government employment of 2,150 - primarily reflecting customary seasonal trends, along with a rise of 2,050 in local government employment.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 11,250 from October 1978 to October 1979. Manufacturing contributed 3,050 of that increase, while nonmanufacturing accounted for 8,200 of it.

The increase of 3,050 in manufacturing was produced by a gain of 3,300 in durable goods, more than counterbalancing a small drop of 250 in nondurable goods. The major gainer in durable goods was machinery except electrical (2,300).

Year-to-year increases were also registered by services (3,300), trade (3,050), transportation-communication-utilities (1,650), and finance-insurance-real estate (1,300). The increase of 3,050 in trade included a gain of 1,350 in wholesale trade, and a rise of 1,700 in retail trade. The largest increase in retail trade occurred in eating and drinking places (2,500). Two-thirds of the year-to-year increase in services was in two major industry groups: health services (1,250) and business services (950).

Losses occurred from October 1978 to October 1979 in government (-1,050), and construction/mining (-50).

OUTLOOK. . . . .

Employment activity in December 1979 is expected to show a moderate rise in trade, following the customary seasonal trend of increased hiring for the holiday buying season.

For the same period, substantial employment reductions are expected for construction/mining and agriculture, reflecting sustomary seasonal trends. A slight drop is anticipated in transportation-communication-utilities.

Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in manufacturing, services, finance-insurance-real estate and government.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

By Occupation

September 1979

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	7,716	7,603	$8,228/YR	$8,176/YR	4,192	4,191	2,100	1,729
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	947	957	10,689/YR	10,838/YR	701	675	393	376
Clerical and Sales	1,938	1,842	7,276/YR	7,227/YR	1,138	922	408	339
Service	1,188	1,252	3.24/HR	3.26/HR	640	737	381	296
Farming, Fishery, Forestry, and related	251	147	3.18/HR	3.58/HR	59	72	37	35
Processing	537	366	4.73/HR	4.43/HR	179	203	96	92
Machine Trades	423	415	4.27/HR	4.31/HR	260	264	128	128
Bench Work	298	319	3.48/HR	3.54/HR	161	170	106	46
Structural Work	1,201	1,293	4.18/HR	4.16/HR	651	682	362	280
Miscellaneous	933	1,012	4.08/HR	3.91/HR	403	466	189	137

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

NOTE: Worker supply and employer demand data, customarily included on this page, not available for October 1979 due to fiscal year ESARS conversion procedures. Such data will be included again as available. The data format, as shown above, will be continued in future issues of Nebraska Work Trends.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

October 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct 1979 2/	Sep 1979 3/	Oct 1978 3/	Oct 1979 2/	Sep 1979 3/	Oct 1978 3/	Oct 1979 2/	Sep 1979 3/	Oct 1978 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$275.88	$279.97	$250.62	41.3	41.6	41.7	$6.68	$6.73	$6.01
Durable goods	271.92	278.22	255.07	41.2	41.9	42.3	6.60	6.64	6.03
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	242.28	242.18	225.88	41.7	41.9	42.3	5.81	5.78	5.34
Primary and fabricated metals	275.37	267.87	251.40	41.1	40.1	41.9	6.70	6.68	6.00
Machinery and transportation equipment	290.87	306.31	276.68	41.2	42.9	42.5	7.06	7.14	6.51
Nondurable godos	280.01	281.40	246.60	41.3	41.2	41.1	6.78	6.83	6.00
Food and kindred products	306.49	308.48	259.97	42.1	41.8	41.2	7.28	7.38	6.31
Meat products	336.54	333.60	293.57	42.6	41.7	41.7	7.90	8.00	7.04
Dairy products	197.08	196.18	183.98	36.7	36.6	37.7	5.37	5.36	4.88
Grain mill products	355.68	356.62	307.14	46.8	46.8	49.3	7.60	7.62	6.23
Bakery products	226.45	236.22	212.44	33.4	35.1	34.1	6.78	6.73	6.23
Other food and kindred products	226.98	222.90	181.65	38.8	38.9	35.9	5.85	5.73	5.06
Printing and publishing	260.76	263.08	244.07	41.0	41.3	42.3	6.36	6.37	5.77
Chemicals and allied products	291.50	282.05	253.80	43.9	42.8	42.8	6.64	6.59	5.93

1/ Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing dropped by $4.09 from September 1979 to October 1979, including a decrease of $6.30 in durable goods and a drop of $1.39 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $25.26, with durable goods rising by $16.85 and nondurable goods gaining $33.41.

Average weekly hours dropped 0.3 hours month-to-month, and also declined by 0.4 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings dipped slightly from September 1979 to October 1979: -$0.05, but gained $.67 from October 1978.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

September 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep 2/ 1979	Aug 3/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1978	Sep 2/ 1979	Aug 3/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1978	Sep 2/ 1979	Aug 3/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1978	Sep 2/ 1979	Aug 3/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1978	Sep 2/ 1979	Aug 3/ 1979	Sep3/ 1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	46	49	59	43	45	54	41	63	53	31	50	42	3	4	2
Durable goods	49	49	63	46	45	59	39	63	50	31	50	40	4/	4	4/
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	80	68	65	78	67	60	71	110	69	60	83	60	2	10	1
Furniture and fixtures	31	81	124	27	81	123	25	78	82	17	62	65	4/	4/	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	58	52	57	50	43	54	38	63	44	29	44	34	4/	11	4/
Machinery and transportation equipment	39	41	59	37	38	55	33	52	46	26	44	37	4/	4/	4/
Other durable goods	65	53	70	61	50	63	43	60	45	36	51	36	1	1	4/
Nondurable goods	43	50	55	39	45	47	43	64	56	32	51	43	6	5	5
Food and kindred products	39	49	62	36	43	52	38	58	59	30	50	44	3	2	6
Meat products	41	49	73	38	40	59	27	52	67	24	44	51	1	1	5
Dairy products	21	27	33	21	27	30	29	50	55	21	42	49	3	3	3
Grain mill products	25	34	32	23	33	32	38	50	35	28	44	22	3	1	10
Bakery products	49	51	50	47	47	45	63	81	60	44	63	43	13	2	1
Other food and kindred products	56	78	79	49	73	70	68	82	65	52	72	48	9	4	4
Textiles and apparel	64	77	57	60	75	54	46	70	104	38	63	89	2	4/	9
Paper and allied products	31	50	50	27	47	50	26	51	49	17	42	36	4/	4/	4/
Printing and publishing	53	51	44	50	48	38	52	65	46	43	58	40	4	2	1
Chemicals and allied products	24	18	21	20	16	19	23	36	55	13	24	31	7	5	17
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	48	54	50	43	51	44	67	101	40	34	54	28	6	21	1

1/ Source of data: State-Federal BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Cooperative Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Less than 0.5.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 40 per 1,000 workers in August 1979 to 46 per 1,000 in September 1979. Durable goods remained the same month-to-month, while nondurable goods declined from 50 per 1,000 to 43 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions also showed a drop: from 59 per 1,000 workers to 46 per 1,000. During that period, durable goods dropped from 63 per 1,000 to 49 per 1,000, and nondurable goods dipped from 55 per 1,000 to 43 per 1,000. Separations dropped from 63 per 1,000 to 41 per 1,000, on a month-to-month basis. On a year-to-year basis, separations also decreased: from 53 per 1,000 to 41 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

October 1979

	Oct 1979	Sep 1979	Oct 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	3,920	3,027	3,213
Weeks claimed	19,041	16,270	18,752
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$1,457,595	$1,144,833	$1,060,360
Calendar year to date	$20,849,651	$19,392,056	$21,588,506
Average size of weekly payments	$88.88	$85.31	$74.04
First payments	1,546	1,256	1,329
Exhaustions	597	384	414
Individuals who drew benefits	5,395	5,215	4,652
Rate of insured unemployment	0.7	0.8	0.8
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$55,004	$42,493	$59,600
Average size of weekly payments	$78.35	$75.61	$78.52
First payments	66	36	104
Exhaustions	21	15	6
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$14,511	$12,147	$13,866
Average size of weekly payments	$88.48	$88.02	$86.66
First payments	21	36	24
Exhaustions	1	2	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,009	36,896	36,376
Contributions received	$2,838,460	$121,656	$2,409,138
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$80,616,653	$77,776,914	$64,291,316

UI initial claims in area claims centers increased from 3,037 in September to 3,920 in October 1979. Weeks claimed increased from 16,270 in September to 19,041 in October 1979.

UI benefit payments increased from 1.1 million in September to 1.5 million in October 1979.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 4,286 in September to 4,138 in October 1979. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 0.8% in September to 0.7% in October 1979.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 30.4 million compared to 29.4 million in 1979.

The fund balance stood at 80.6 million compared to 64.3 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

October 1979

	Percent of total
SEX:	
Male	51.8
Female	49.2
RACE:	
White	86.8
All other races	13.2
AGE:	
Under 22	9.5
22 - 44	64.7
45 and over	25.8
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:	
4 or less	45.3
5 - 14	42.0
15 and over	12.7

	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:	
Professional, technical and managerial	20.2
Clerical and sales	23.1
Services	8.8
Farm and related	0.8
Processing	5.4
Machine trades	5.0
Bench work	6.9
Structural work	15.6
Miscellaneous	14.2
INDUSTRY:	
Manufacturing	31.0
Nonmanufacturing	69.0

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for October 1979 was 3,611.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OCTOBER 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	225.4	0.9	12.2	225.6	0.8	12.4
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	232.1	0.5	9.7	232.3	0.5	9.8
Food	238.2	0.5	9.9	238.3	0.4	10.0
Food at home	235.4	0.3	9.3	234.8	0.3	9.2
Cereals & bakery products	227.0	0.6	10.7	227.9	0.6	10.6
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	230.3	-0.3	8.8	229.7	-0.3	8.8
Dairy products	213.3	0.9	11.6	214.0	0.9	11.6
Fruits & vegetables	232.0	0.1	7.3	230.2	0.3	7.6
Sugar & sweets	283.1	0.4	7.9	282.2	0.4	7.6
Fats & oils	231.9	0.2	7.2	231.9	0.5	6.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	372.1	1.2	9.3	368.2	0.9	8.0
Other prepared foods	213.4	0.4	10.5	213.4	0.5	10.4
Food away from home	249.6	0.8	11.1	251.3	0.8	11.9
Alcoholic beverages	176.0	1.0	7.9	176.9	1.1	8.0
HOUSING	237.7	1.3	13.5	237.7	1.4	13.7
Rent residential	181.4	1.3	8.4	181.2	1.3	8.2
Homeownership	276.7	1.8	16.8	278.3	1.8	17.4
Fuel & other utilities	252.9	0.7	14.9	253.4	0.7	15.0
Household furnishings & oper.	193.3	0.6	6.3	191.7	0.6	6.2
APPAREL & UPKEEP	171.0	0.7	4.7	170.8	0.9	4.4
Men's & boy's apparel	164.2	0.9	3.2	164.4	0.7	2.9
Women's & girl's apparel	155.5	-0.3	1.0	154.8	0.3	0.5
Infant's & toddler's apparel	224.8	0.6	2.7	228.7	1.2	4.3
Footwear	182.6	1.4	8.8	181.9	1.4	[illegible]
TRANSPORTATION	222.7	0.6	17.4	223.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Private transportation	223.1	0.5	17.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Public transportation	209.1	1.3	10.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MEDICAL CARE	245.9	0.9	9.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Medical care commodities	156.6	0.5	7.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Medical care services	265.3	1.0	9.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ENTERTAINMENT	192.0	0.5	7.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	202.3	0.4	7.4	201.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	262.2			262.4		

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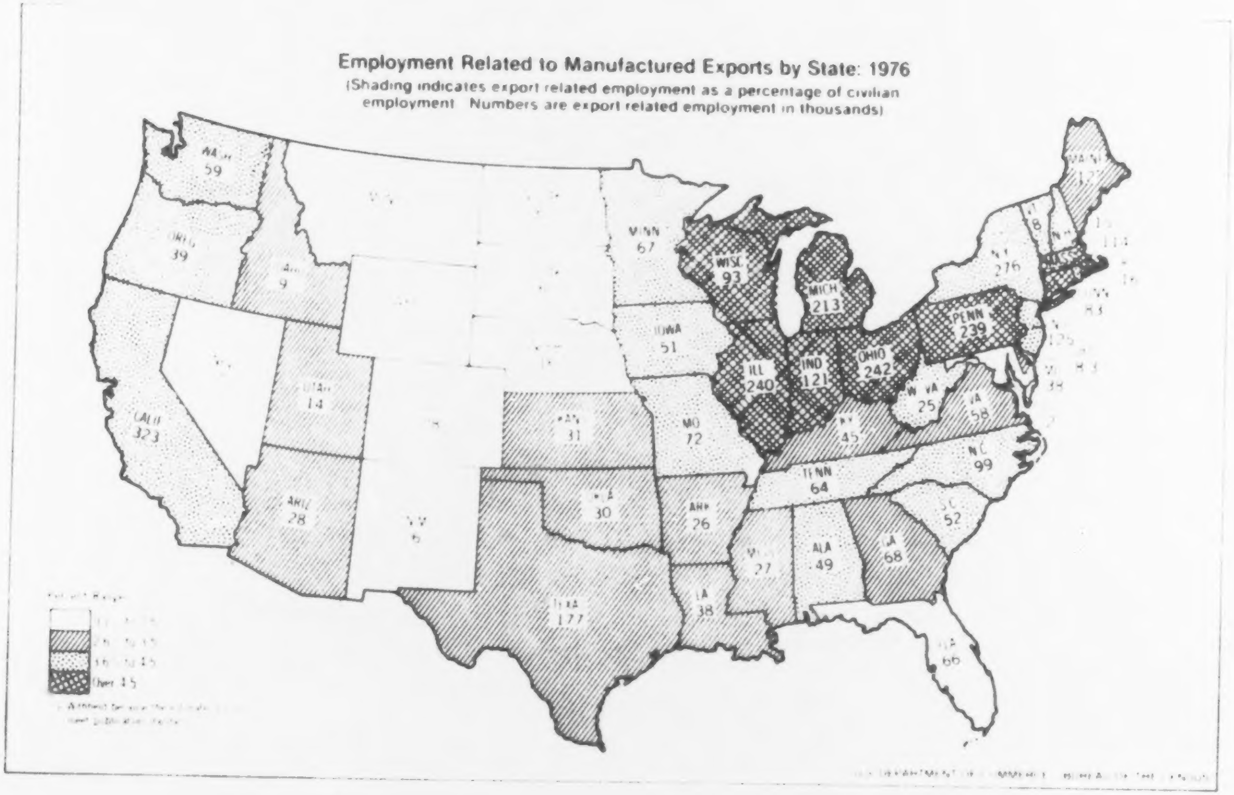
NEBRASKA Work Trends

JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

November 1979



Employment Related to Manufactured Exports by State: 1976

(Shading indicates export related employment as a percentage of civilian employment. Numbers are export related employment in thousands)

WASH 59
OREG 39
IDAHO 9
CALIF 323
UTAH 14
ARIZ 28
N.M. 6
KANS 31
OKLA 30
TEXAS 177
MINN 67
IOWA 51
MO 72
ARK 26
LA 38
WISC 93
ILL 240
MICH 213
IND 121
OHIO 242
KY 45
TENN 64
MISS 27
ALA 49
GA 68
FLA 66
SC 52
NC 99
VA 58
W VA 25
PENN 239
N.Y. 276
MAINE 12
VT 8
MASS 114
R.I. 16
CONN 83
N.J. 125
MD 38
Percent Range
Over 4.5
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Employment Related to
Manufactured Exports
By Major Economic
Sector: 1976

Industries	Total civilian employment (1,000)	Employment related to manufactured exports: Number (1,000)	Employment related to manufactured exports: Percent of civilian employment
United States, total	[illegible] 892	3,452	4.0
Manufacturing industries	18,753	2,125	11.3
Nonmanufacturing industries	68,139	1,327	1.9
Trade	[illegible]	489	3.[illegible]
Business services	12,651	256	2.0
Transportation, communication, and utilities	4,554	192	4.2
Agriculture	3,423	137	4.0
Mining	658	35	5.[illegible]
Other	30,558	218	0.7

Source: Business America,
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(Job Seekers and Job Holders - By Residence)

November 1979

	Preliminary Nov 1979	Revised Oct 1979	Revised Nov 1978	Change From: Oct 1979	Change From: Nov 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	777,900	778,550	765,150	- 650	12,750
Employment	753,300	753,150	742,050	150	11,250
Unemployment	24,600	25,400	23,100	- 800	1,500
Unemployment rate 2/	3.2	3.3	3.0	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	283,350	281,350	276,100	2,000	7,250
Employment	271,950	269,100	265,200	2,850	6,700
Unemployment	11,400	12,250	10,850	- 850	550
Unemployment rate 2/	4.0	4.3	3.9	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	115,000	113,600	113,750	1,400	1,250
Employment	111,750	110,050	110,500	1,700	1,250
Unemployment	3,250	3,550	3,250	- 300	0
Unemployment rate 2/	2.8	3.1	2.9	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 240,850 is included in the Nebraska total only, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 42,500 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 800 from October 1979 to November 1979, reaching a new total of 24,600. The November 1979 total was 1,500 more than in November 1978. The unemployment rate moved slightly downward, from 3.3 in October 1979 to 3.2 in November 1979, and compared to 3.0 November 1978.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 850 from October 1979 to November 1979, but increased by 550 from November 1978. The unemployment rate dropped from 4.3 in October 1979 to 4.0 in November 1979, and compared to 3.9 in November 1978.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA decreased by 300 from October 1979 to November 1979, and showed no change from November 1978 to November 1979. The unemployment rate dropped from 3.1 in October 1979 to 2.8 in November 1979, and compared to 2.9 in November 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decreased by 12,300 from November 1979 to December 1979, reaching a new total of 765,600. The unemployment segment is projected as 25,600, while the employment segment is projected as 740,000.

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ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Nov 1979 [2]	Oct 1979 [3]	Nov 1978 [3]	Change From Oct 1979	Change From Nov 1978	Percent Change From Nov 1978
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	620,350	619,250	610,000	1,100	10,350	1.7
MANUFACTURING	97,100	97,750	93,850	- 650	3,250	3.5
Durable goods	52,000	52,150	49,050	- 150	2,950	6.0
Construction material	5,050	5,200	5,350	- 150	- 300	- 6.3
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,000	2,050	2,300	- 50	- 300	-13.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	3,050	3,150	3,050	- 100	0	- 0.7
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,750	1,900	- 50	- 200	- 9.5
Metals	10,250	10,450	9,750	- 200	500	5.6
Primary metal industries	1,900	1,900	1,600	0	300	19.0
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	8,350	8,550	8,150	- 200	200	3.0
Machinery except electrical	13,250	13,250	11,150	0	2,100	18.8
Farm machinery & equipment	7,850	7,850	6,700	0	1,150	17.8
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,350	10,400	10,050	- 50	300	3.0
Transportation equipment	5,950	5,850	5,850	100	100	1.3
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,150	3,100	3,250	50	- 100	- 3.5
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,450	5,250	5,000	200	450	8.9
Nondurable goods	45,100	45,600	44,800	- 500	300	0.7
Food & kindred products	26,050	26,650	26,350	- 600	- 300	- 1.2
Meat products	11,700	11,750	12,750	- 50	-1,050	- 8.3
Dairy products	2,050	2,100	2,050	- 50	0	1.1
Grain mill	5,100	5,350	4,900	- 250	200	3.9
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,200	7,450	6,650	- 250	550	8.0
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,250	2,300	0	- 50	- 2.7
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,550	7,550	7,100	0	450	7.0
Chemicals & allied products	2,350	2,300	2,250	50	100	3.6
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,900	6,850	6,800	50	100	1.4
NONMANUFACTURING	523,250	521,500	516,150	1,750	7,100	1.4
MINING	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0	- 1.5
CONSTRUCTION	33,300	34,550	34,200	-1,250	- 900	- 2.6
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	10,050	10,350	10,600	- 300	- 550	- 5.1
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	8,000	8,650	7,800	- 650	200	2.2
Construction - special trade contractors	15,250	15,550	15,800	- 300	- 550	- 3.2
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,550	46,850	45,200	- 300	1,350	3.0
Railroad transportation	15,550	15,650	15,300	- 100	250	1.5
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,650	14,900	14,550	- 250	100	0.8
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,350	16,300	15,350	50	1,000	6.5

TRADE	160,100	159,050	157,500	1,050	2,600	1.7
Wholesale	47,300	47,100	45,700	200	1,600	3.5
Durable	24,250	24,100	23,100	150	1,150	4.8
Nondurable	23,050	23,000	22,600	50	450	2.1
Retail	112,800	111,950	111,800	850	1,000	0.9
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,700	5,700	5,650	0	50	1.1
General merchandise stores	16,500	15,650	17,100	850	- 600	- 3.7
Food stores	14,800	14,800	15,000	0	- 200	- 1.2
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,750	16,750	16,600	0	150	0.8
Apparel & accessory stores	6,600	6,400	6,400	200	200	3.2
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,150	4,100	4,350	50	- 200	- 4.1
Eating & drinking places	36,850	37,150	34,550	- 300	2,300	6.6
Miscellaneous retail	11,450	11,400	12,150	50	- 700	- 5.4
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,550	3,550	3,700	0	- 150	- 3.2
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	7,900	7,850	8,450	50	- 550	- 6.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	40,850	40,800	39,600	50	1,250	3.1
Banking	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	200	2.0
Insurance	19,600	19,550	19,200	50	400	2.1
Real estate	4,500	4,550	4,250	- 50	250	5.6
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,350	6,300	5,950	50	400	6.5
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	113,550	113,900	109,250	- 350	4,300	4.0
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,400	7,550	6,750	- 150	650	9.3
Personal services	5,400	5,350	5,500	50	- 100	- 2.6
Business services	16,350	16,100	15,300	250	1,050	6.8
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,550	3,600	3,550	- 50	0	0.9
Amusement & recreation	6,200	6,550	5,550	- 350	650	12.3
Health services	39,850	39,850	38,300	0	1,550	4.1
Educational services	9,600	9,600	9,500	0	100	1.1
Social services	5,700	5,650	5,600	50	100	2.3
Membership organizations	8,350	8,350	8,650	0	- 300	- 3.4
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,150	11,300	10,550	- 150	600	5.5
GOVERNMENT	127,300	124,750	128,800	2,550	-1,500	- 1.2
Federal	16,100	15,850	16,650	250	- 550	- 3.5
State	33,350	32,300	32,150	1,050	1,200	3.7
Local	77,850	76,600	80,000	1,250	-2,150	- 2.7

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

NOVEMBER 1979 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 1,100 from October 1979 to November 1979. While manufacturing dropped by 650, nonmanufacturing more than counterbalanced that loss with a gain of 1,750.

The drop of 650 in manufacturing was primarily in nondurable goods (-500), led by a decline in food products of 600. Durable goods had a small dip of 150.

Month-to-month increases occurred in government (2,550), trade (1,050) and finance-insurance-real estate (50). A major source of employment increase in government was educational services. Most of the gain in trade occurred in retail trade (850), and particularly in general merchandise stores (850).

Month-to-month decreases occurred in construction/mining (-1,250), services (-350), and transportation-communication-utilities (-300).

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 10,350 from November 1978 to November 1979. Manufacturing accounted for 3,250 of that increase, and nonmanufacturing contributed 7,100 of it.

The increase of 3,250 in manufacturing was primarily in durable goods (2,950), paced by a gain of 2,100 in machinery except electrical. Nondurable goods had a small gain of 300.

Year-to-year increases were registered in transportation-communication-utilities (1,350), trade (2,600), finance-insurance-real estate (1,250), and services (4,300). The largest concentration of employment increase in trade was in eating and drinking places (2,300). Approximately three-fifths of the increase in services occurred in two fields: health services (1,550), and business services (1,050).

From November 1978 to November 1979, there were employment losses in construction/mining (-900), and government (-1,500). The decrease in government was chiefly in local government (-2,150).

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment in January 1980 is expected to show declines in most of the major industrial categories, reflecting customary seasonal trends.

Construction/mining is expected to have a substantial reduction in employment, with the completion of projects and the onset of winter weather. Transportation-communication-utilities employment should feel a small drop, primarily reflecting customary seasonal layoffs in railroads. Trade is expected to reflect a moderate downward adjustment after the holiday buying season. Service and government are expected to register slight dips in employment. Agriculture is expected to show another month-to-month decline, reaching its lowest employment level of the year prior to beginning its upward rise in early 1980, reflecting customary trends in the farm sector of the economy.

Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in manufacturing and finance-insurance-real estate.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

November 1979

	Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
			Received FY to date 2/	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more			
TOTAL 3/	44,587	24,171	13,093	5,365	3,796	3.4	4.5	70.8
0-1 Professional, technical and managerial	5,287	3,031	1,091	1,365	1,073	4.8	2.2	78.6
2 Clerical and sales	11,570	5,916	2,844	1,705	1,207	4.1	3.5	70.8
Entry codes 4/	2,498	1,228	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---
20-24 Clerical	7,031	3,579	2,133	1,378	987	3.3	2.6	71.6
25-29 Sales	2,041	1,109	711	327	220	2.9	3.4	67.3
3 Service	7,056	3,932	2,016	832	541	3.5	4.7	65.0
Entry codes 4/	1,225	637	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---
30 Domestic	501	264	353	68	36	1.4	3.9	52.9
31-39 Other	5,330	3,031	1,663	764	505	3.2	4.0	66.1
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,270	458	414	33	24	3.1	13.9	72.7
5 Processing	1,195	556	765	64	41	1.6	8.7	64.1
6 Machine trades	1,937	1,105	460	257	156	4.2	4.3	60.7
7 Bench work	2,017	1,133	487	157	99	4.1	7.2	63.1
8 Structural work	4,641	2,587	1,673	430	283	2.8	6.0	65.8
9 Miscellaneous	6,561	3,781	3,311	287	138	2.0	13.2	48.1
Entry codes 4/	1,525	830	-----	-----	-----	---	----	----
90-91 Motor freight transportation	2,099	1,239	1,323	159	93	1.6	7.8	58.5
92 Packaging, materials handling	2,738	1,589	1,900	96	31	1.4	16.6	32.3
93-97 Other 5/	199	123	88	32	14	2.3	3.8	43.8

1/ Source of data: FSARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 11-30-79. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1/]

By Occupation

November 1979

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	6,638	7,095	$8,582/yr	$8,519/yr	3,223	3,874	1,981	2,119
Professional, technical, and managerial	989	964	11,257/yr	11,063/yr	741	708	474	402
Clerical and sales	1,809	1,889	7,332/yr	7,318/yr	1,074	1,142	704	640
Service	966	1,089	3.24/hr	3.25/hr	433	592	274	315
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	101	98	3.53/hr	3.52/hr	42	36	17	18
Processing	476	509	5.12/hr	5.09/hr	74	148	54	114
Machine trades	372	393	4.52/hr	4.30/hr	202	217	111	117
Bench work	332	301	3.45/hr	3.48/hr	133	151	74	87
Structural work	807	980	4.31/hr	4.21/hr	307	511	194	307
Miscellaneous	786	872	4.26/hr	4.39/hr	217	369	79	119

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

November 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov 1979 [2]	Oct 1979 [3]	Nov 1978 [3]	Nov 1979 [2]	Oct 1979 [3]	Nov 1978 [3]	Nov 1979 [2]	Oct 1979 [3]	Nov 1978 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$275.64	$278.21	$252.13	41.7	41.4	41.4	$6.61	$6.72	$6.09
Durable goods	277.54	281.99	251.91	41.3	41.9	41.5	6.72	6.73	6.07
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	229.03	244.76	219.89	39.9	42.2	41.1	5.74	5.80	5.35
Primary and fabricated metals	274.32	273.88	243.79	41.5	41.0	40.7	6.61	6.68	5.99
Machinery and transportation equipment	302.74	309.83	277.68	41.7	42.5	42.2	7.26	7.29	6.58
Nondurable goods	272.81	273.50	252.95	42.1	40.7	41.4	6.48	6.72	6.11
Food and kindred products	289.51	297.25	270.63	42.7	41.4	41.7	6.78	7.18	6.49
Meat products	339.83	335.02	301.02	42.8	42.3	42.1	7.94	7.92	7.15
Dairy products	202.61	202.61	189.62	37.8	37.8	38.0	5.36	5.36	4.99
Grain mill products	288.79	354.16	324.87	48.7	46.6	48.2	5.93	7.60	6.74
Bakery products	247.35	232.21	230.55	35.9	34.3	35.8	6.89	6.77	6.44
Other food and kindred products	214.38	202.03	192.15	39.7	36.6	37.9	5.40	5.52	5.07
Printing and publishing	264.18	249.20	240.24	41.8	40.0	42.0	6.32	6.23	5.72
Chemicals and allied products	318.77	285.29	251.27	45.8	42.9	43.1	6.96	6.65	5.83

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[1] Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
[2] Preliminary.
[3] Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing dropped by $2.57 from October 1979 to November 1979. Durable goods decreased by $4.45 and nondurable goods also dropped by $.69 during this period. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased $23.51, with durable goods gaining $25.63, and nondurable goods increasing $19.86.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.3 hours both month-to-month and year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings dipped slightly from October 1979 to November 1979: -$.11, but increased by $.52 from November 1978 to November 1979.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING[1/]

(Per 1,000 workers)

October 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Oct 2/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1978	Oct 2/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1978	Oct 2/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1978	Oct 2/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1978	Oct 2/ 1979	Sep 3/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	45	47	50	42	43	45	43	42	49	30	32	33	5	3	8
Durable goods	44	51	52	41	47	47	41	40	50	27	32	35	5	4/	6
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	57	80	46	55	78	44	60	71	50	50	60	43	4	2	4/
Furniture and fixtures	16	43	60	15	41	59	39	35	51	29	29	49	1	4/	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	43	58	49	37	50	47	53	37	58	26	29	37	14	4/	13
Machinery and transportation equipment	38	40	55	36	37	49	31	34	48	20	26	33	3	4/	5
Other durable goods	73	71	39	69	66	34	53	50	42	45	43	27	4/	1	8
Nondurable goods	47	42	47	43	39	43	47	44	46	35	32	30	6	6	9
Food and kindred products	46	39	44	43	36	41	51	38	46	35	30	26	9	3	13
Meat products	50	41	40	48	38	36	44	27	34	32	24	18	5	1	10
Dairy products	17	21	42	17	21	42	42	29	39	33	21	32	4/	3	4/
Grain mill products	23	23	28	20	21	27	58	36	46	32	27	15	21	3	24
Bakery products	44	49	45	37	47	37	44	63	42	34	44	30	5	13	10
Other food and kindred products	79	56	80	71	49	71	68	68	82	48	52	54	9	9	15
Textiles and apparel	38	64	70	38	60	64	57	46	80	50	38	63	2	2	11
Paper and allied products	41	30	44	41	28	43	33	46	36	27	26	24	4/	1	1
Printing and publishing	47	53	41	44	50	38	41	52	42	35	43	37	1	4	2
Chemicals and allied products	26	24	45	25	20	40	16	23	53	12	13	31	4/	7	15
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	68	48	63	59	43	58	52	67	41	38	34	25	8	27	2

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than 0.05.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 47 per 1,000 workers in September 1979 to 45 per 1,000 in October 1979. Durable goods dropped from 51 per 1,000 to 44 per 1,000, while nondurable goods gained from 42 per 1,000 to 47 per 1,000 in that time period. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 50 per 1,000 to 45 per 1,000. Durable goods dropped from 52 per 1,000 to 44 per 1,000, while nondurable goods remained the same.

Separations showed a very slight increase month-to-month from 42 per 1,000 to 43 per 1,000, but had a year-to-year drop from 49 per 1,000 to 43 per 1,000.

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SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

November 1979

	Nov 1979	Oct 1979	Nov 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	6,132	3,920	6,226
Weeks claimed	21,167	19,041	20,369
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$1,602,963	$1,456,595	$1,186,445
Calendar year to date	$22,452,614	$20,849,651	$22,774,951
Average size of weekly payments	$89.51	$88.88	$75.69
First payments	2,021	1,546	1,603
Exhaustions	507	597	449
Individuals who drew benefits	6,152	5,395	5,702
Rate of insured unemployment	0.7	0.7	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$52,625	$55,004	$64,628
Average size of weekly payments	$80.10	$78.35	$77.87
First payments	44	66	53
Exhaustions	8	21	24
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$20,461	$14,511	$12,886
Average size of weekly payments	$87.82	$88.48	$74.92
First payments	44	21	53
Exhaustions	0	1	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,085	37,009	36,665
Contributions received	$3,002,584	$2,838,460	$3,862,094
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$81,852,943	$80,616,653	$67,121,251

UI initial claims in Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers increased from 3,920 in October 1979 to 6,132 in November 1979. Weeks claimed increased from 19,041 in October 1979 to 21,167 in November 1979. UI benefit payments increased from 1.5 million in October 1979 to 1.6 million in November 1979. The number of insured unemployed increased from 4,138 in October 1979 to 4,155 in November 1979. Month-to-month, the rate of insured unemployment remained unchanged (0.7%). The year-to-date contributions stood at 33.4 million in November 1979, compared to 33.3 million in November 1978. The fund balance was 81.9 million in November 1979, compared to 67.1 million in November 1978.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1]

November 1979

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	2,639	58.2
Female	1,898	41.8
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	4,056	89.4
All other races	481	10.6
AGE:		
Under 22	557	12.3
22-44	2,803	61.8
45 and over	1,177	25.9
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	2,445	53.9
5 - 14	1,642	36.2
15 and over	450	9.9

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	831	18.3
Clerical and sales	877	19.3
Service	343	7.6
Farm and related	95	2.1
Processing	219	4.8
Machine trades	222	4.9
Bench work	271	6.0
Structural work	933	20.6
Miscellaneous	746	16.4
INDUSTRY:		
Manufacturing	1,247	27.5
Nonmanufacturing	3,290	72.5

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for November 1979 was 4,537.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, NOVEMBER 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	227.5	0.9	12.6	227.6	0.9	12.8
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	233.1	0.4	9.7	233.1	0.3	9.7
Food	239.1	0.4	9.8	239.1	0.3	9.8
Food at home	236.0	0.3	9.2	235.4	0.3	9.0
Cereals & bakery products	228.7	0.7	10.7	229.7	0.8	10.6
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	230.2	-0-	7.6	230.0	0.1	7.5
Dairy products	216.0	1.3	11.8	216.3	1.1	11.8
Fruits & vegetables	229.5	-1.1	9.1	226.7	-1.5	8.9
Sugar & sweets	283.2	-0-	7.4	281.9	-0.1	7.0
Fats & oils	232.3	0.2	7.1	232.8	0.4	7.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	374.3	0.6	9.8	370.7	0.7	9.1
Other prepared foods	215.3	0.9	10.1	215.7	1.1	10.3
Food away from home	251.3	0.7	11.2	252.7	0.6	11.8
Alcoholic beverages	177.4	0.8	8.2	178.0	0.6	8.3
HOUSING	240.8	1.3	14.3	240.7	1.3	14.6
Rent residential	182.1	0.4	8.1	181.9	0.4	8.0
Homeownership	282.4	2.1	18.3	284.1	2.1	19.0
Fuel & other utilities	252.0	-0.4	15.3	252.4	-0.4	15.4
Household furnishings & oper.	195.1	0.9	6.6	193.2	0.8	6.3
APPAREL & UPKEEP	171.7	0.4	4.6	171.3	0.3	4.5
Men's & boy's apparel	165.4	0.7	3.3	165.3	0.5	3.0
Women's & girl's apparel	155.1	-0.3	0.6	154.5	-0.2	0.5
Infant's & toddler's apparel	226.3	0.7	2.4	228.7	-0-	4.4
Footwear	183.8	0.7	8.7	183.2	0.7	8.8
TRANSPORTATION	224.9	1.0	17.5	225.7	1.0	17.6
Private transportation	225.0	0.9	17.7	225.7	0.9	17.9
Public transportation	216.5	3.5	14.1	214.0	3.2	12.4
MEDICAL CARE	248.0	0.9	9.3	249.1	0.8	9.8
Medical care commodities	157.8	0.8	7.3	158.5	0.7	7.4
Medical care services	267.6	0.9	9.6	268.8	0.7	10.3
ENTERTAINMENT	192.8	0.4	7.4	192.0	0.3	7.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	202.9	0.3	7.5	202.0	0.3	7.3
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	264.6			264.7		

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NEBRASKA Work Trends

December 1979

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 16 YEARS AND OVER, SELECTED YEARS, 1960-78

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Total resident population 1/	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
			Employed			Unemployed		
		Total	Total	Agriculture	Nonagricultural industries	Number	Percent of labor force	
U.S. 2/								
1960	180,000,000	69,630,000	65,778,000	5,458,000	60,318,000	3,852,000	5.5	110,372,000
1965	193,500,000	74,454,000	71,088,000	4,362,000	66,726,000	3,366,000	4.5	119,045,000
1970	203,800,000	82,715,000	78,627,000	3,462,000	75,165,000	4,088,000	4.9	121,085,000
1975	213,100,000	92,613,000	84,783,000	3,380,000	81,403,000	7,830,000	8.5	120,487,000
1978	218,100,000	100,420,000	94,373,000	3,342,000	91,031,000	6,047,000	6.0	117,680,000
Nebraska 3/								
1960	1,411,921	630,200	613,000	160,000	453,000	17,200	2.7	781,721
1965	1,497,890	630,800	611,300	127,300	484,000	19,500	3.1	867,090
1970	1,485,333	624,000	612,200	89,700	522,500	11,800	1.9	861,333
1975	1,543,562	703,650	676,000	83,400	592,600	27,650	3.9	839,912
1978	1,565,390	771,000	748,000	81,950	666,050	23,000	3.0	794,390
Omaha SMSA 3/ 4/								
1960	457,873	194,400	188,950	7,050	181,900	5,450	2.8	263,473
1965	533,757	207,250	200,100	6,150	193,950	7,150	3.4	326,507
1970	542,646	222,100	214,650	5,300	209,350	7,450	3.4	320,546
1975	573,703	245,507	231,452	4,238	227,214	14,055	5.7	328,196
1978	581,729	278,402	267,484	4,208	263,276	10,918	3.9	303,327
Lincoln SMSA 3/ 5/								
1960	155,272	64,550	62,900	2,500	60,400	1,650	2.6	90,722
1965	170,136	74,900	73,200	2,000	71,200	1,700	2.3	95,236
1970	167,972	80,100	77,800	2,700	75,100	2,300	2.9	87,872
1975	182,589	97,172	94,101	2,536	91,565	3,071	3.2	85,417
1978	186,179	108,418	105,558	2,477	103,081	2,860	2.6	77,761

1/ Source of data: Bureau of Business Research, University of Nebraska.
2/ Source of data: Monthly Labor Review, November 1979, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
3/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
4/ Omaha SMSA defined as Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa.
5/ Lincoln SMSA defined as Lancaster County.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)
December 1979

	Preliminary	Revised		Revised	
	Dec 1979	Nov 1979	Dec 1978	Nov 1979	Dec 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	776,400	776,750	762,100	- 350	14,300
Employment	746,650	752,100	734,100	-5,450	12,550
Unemployment	29,750	24,650	28,000	5,100	1,750
Unemployment rate 2/	3.8	3.2	3.7	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	285,900	283,150	278,350	2,750	7,550
Employment	273,250	271,800	266,250	1,450	7,000
Unemployment	12,650	11,350	12,100	1,300	550
Unemployment rate 2/	4.4	4.0	4.3	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	116,200	114,900	113,500	1,300	2,700
Employment	112,300	111,650	110,050	650	2,250
Unemployment	3,900	3,250	3,450	650	450
Unemployment rate 2/	3.4	2.8	3.0	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 242,150 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 43,750, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 5,100 from November 1979 to December 1979, reaching a new total of 29,750. The December 1979 total was 1,750 more than in December 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 3.2 in November 1979 to 3.8 in December 1979, and compared to 3.7 in December 1978.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 1,300 from November 1979 to December 1979, and also increased by 550 from December 1978. The unemployment rate increased from 4.0 in November 1979 to 4.4 in December 1979, and compared to 4.3 in December 1978.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 650 from November 1979 to December 1979, and also increased by 450 from December 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 2.8 in November 1979 to 3.4 in December 1979, and compared to 3.0 in December 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 13,300 from December 1979 to January 1980, reaching a new total of 763,100. The unemployment segment is projected as 34,750, while the employment segment is projected as 728,350.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Dec 1979 2/	Nov 1979 3/	Dec 1978 3/	Change From		Percent Change From Dec 1978
				Nov 1979	Dec 1978	
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	618,350	619,150	605,250	- 800	13,100	2.2
MANUFACTURING	97,350	97,000	94,550	350	2,800	3.0
Durable goods	51,600	51,900	49,350	- 300	2,250	4.6
Construction material	4,850	5,050	5,200	- 200	- 350	- 6.3
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	1,950	2,000	2,300	- 50	- 350	-15.0
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,900	3,050	2,900	- 150	0	0.6
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	- 200	- 8.9
Metals	10,250	10,300	9,700	- 50	550	5.7
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,600	0	350	19.6
Fabricated metal products, except machinery transportation equipment	8,300	8,350	8,100	- 50	200	2.9
Machinery except electrical	13,100	13,150	11,400	- 50	1,700	15.1
Farm machinery & equipment	7,850	7,800	6,900	50	950	14.1
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,400	10,400	10,150	0	250	2.3
Transportation equipment	5,900	5,900	5,950	0	- 50	- 1.1
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,150	3,150	3,250	0	- 100	- 3.1
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,400	5,400	5,050	0	350	6.6
Nondurable goods	45,750	45,100	45,200	650	550	1.1
Food & kindred products	26,650	26,100	26,550	550	100	0.3
Meat products	12,350	11,750	12,900	600	- 550	- 4.1
Dairy products	2,050	2,050	2,050	0	0	- 1.6
Grain mill	5,100	5,100	4,950	0	150	3.0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,150	7,200	6,650	- 50	500	7.6
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,250	2,350	0	- 100	- 2.9
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,600	7,550	7,150	50	450	6.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100	4.5
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,950	6,900	6,950	50	0	- 0.6
NONMANUFACTURING	521,000	522,150	510,700	-1,150	10,300	2.0
MINING	1,550	1,600	1,450	- 50	100	4.4
CONSTRUCTION	30,100	32,900	29,300	-2,800	800	2.9
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	9,350	10,100	9,600	- 750	- 250	- 2.4
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	6,100	7,550	5,150	-1,450	950	18.5
Construction - special trade contractors	14,650	15,250	14,550	- 600	100	0.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,150	46,550	45,000	- 400	1,150	2.6
Railroad transportation	15,050	15,450	14,700	- 400	350	2.6
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,850	14,850	14,900	0	- 50	- 0.3
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,250	16,250	15,400	0	850	5.4

TRADE	161,250	159,850	158,500	1,400	2,750	1.8
Wholesale	47,100	46,950	45,800	150	1,300	2.8
Durable	24,050	23,950	22,950	100	1,100	4.7
Nondurable	23,050	23,000	22,850	50	200	0.9
Retail	114,150	112,900	112,700	1,250	1,450	1.3
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100	1.2
General merchandise stores	17,400	16,450	18,100	950	- 700	- 3.8
Food stores	14,950	14,800	15,000	150	- 50	- 0.2
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,600	16,750	16,600	- 150	0	0.1
Apparel & accessory stores	6,850	6,600	6,850	250	0	0.4
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,200	4,150	4,300	50	- 100	- 2.5
Eating & drinking places	36,550	36,850	34,000	- 300	2,550	7.5
Miscellaneous retail	11,800	11,600	12,150	200	- 350	- 2.8
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,750	3,700	3,850	50	- 100	- 2.0
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,050	7,900	8,300	150	- 250	- 3.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,100	40,950	39,500	150	1,600	4.0
Banking	10,550	10,450	10,200	100	350	3.5
Insurance	19,650	19,600	19,100	50	550	2.9
Real estate	4,600	4,600	4,200	0	400	8.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,300	6,000	0	300	4.9
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	113,400	113,450	108,950	- 50	4,450	4.1
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,250	7,400	6,700	- 150	550	8.8
Personal services	5,450	5,350	5,600	100	- 150	- 2.5
Business services	16,350	16,100	15,300	250	1,050	6.7
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,550	3,550	3,500	0	50	1.7
Amusement & recreation	6,000	6,200	5,450	- 200	550	10.1
Health services	40,100	39,950	38,250	150	1,850	4.8
Educational services	9,600	9,750	9,450	- 150	150	1.8
Social services	5,700	5,650	5,550	50	150	2.7
Membership organizations	8,400	8,350	8,700	50	- 300	- 3.7
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,000	11,150	10,450	- 150	550	5.4
GOVERNMENT	127,450	126,850	128,000	600	- 550	- 0.5
Federal	16,150	16,050	16,300	100	- 150	- 0.9
State	34,150	33,350	32,600	800	1,550	4.7
Local	77,150	77,450	79,100	- 300	-1,950	- 2.5

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

DECEMBER 1979 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 800 from November 1979 to December 1979. Manufacturing increased by 350, while nonmanufacturing dropped by 1,150.

The increase of 350 in manufacturing included a gain of 650 in nondurable goods more than counterbalancing a dip of 300 in durable goods. The major gain in nondurable goods was in food products (550).

Month-to-month increases occurred in trade (1,400), government (600), and finance-insurance-real estate (150). The increase in trade included a rise of 150 in wholesale trade and a gain of 1,250 in retail trade - primarily in general merchandise stores (950). The chief increase in government employment was in state educational services.

Month-to-month decreases occurred in construction/mining (-2,850), transportation communication-utilities (-400), and services (-50).

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 13,100 from December 1978 to December 1979. This included a gain of 2,800 in manufacturing, and a rise of 10,300 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 2,800 in manufacturing included a gain of 2,250 in durable goods, and an increase of 550 in nondurable goods. The principal gain in durable goods employment was in machinery except electrical (1,700).

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (4,450), trade (2,750), finance-insurance-real estate (1,600), transportation-communication-utilities (1,150), and construction/mining (900). The largest increases in services were in health services (1,850), and business services (1,050). The increase of 2,750 in trade included a gain of 1,300 in wholesale trade and an increase of 1,450 in retail trade. The largest increase in retail trade occurred in eating and drinking places (2,550).

A year-to-year loss occurred in government employment (-550), led by a reduction in local government employment (-1,950).

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in February 1980 is projected to show a total decrease of small proportions. Slight increases are anticipated in services and government, but probably will be more than counterbalanced by small declines in manufacturing and trade. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate, and agriculture.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

December 1979

		Applicants Available 2/ FY to date	Active File	Nonag Job Openings	Nonag Job Openings: Unfilled		Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + $ of total
				Received 2/ FY to date	Total	30 days or more			
TOTAL 3/		51,045	22,703	17,068	4,925	3,686	2.99	4.61	74.8
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	5,918	2,793	1,424	1,389	1,135	4.16	6.21	81.7
2	Clerical and sales	12,970	4,986	3,699	1,637	1,240	3.51	3.05	75.7
	Entry codes 4/	2,795	1,015	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	7,840	3,016	2,795	1,375	1,050	2.81	2.19	76.4
	25-29 Sales	2,335	955	904	262	190	2.58	3.65	72.5
3	Service	8,017	3,645	2,710	719	470	2.96	5.07	65.4
	Entry codes 4/	1,383	545	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	551	229	455	48	37	1.21	4.77	77.1
	31-39 Other	6,083	2,871	2,255	671	433	2.70	4.28	64.5
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,495	442	554	45	18	2.70	9.82	40.0
5	Processing	1,418	524	1,110	52	23	1.28	10.08	44.2
6	Machine trades	2,245	1,079	586	210	152	3.83	5.14	72.4
7	Bench work	2,332	1,116	615	161	111	3.79	6.93	68.9
8	Structural work	5,619	2,733	2,153	270	184	2.61	10.12	68.1
9	Miscellaneous	7,682	3,784	4,181	208	120	1.84	18.19	57.7
	Entry codes 4/	1,730	757	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	2,558	1,359	1,685	121	67	1.52	11.23	55.4
	92 Packaging, materials handling	3,171	1,546	2,389	59	30	1.33	26.20	50.8
	93-97 Other 5/	223	122	107	28	23	2.08	4.36	82.1

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 12-31-79. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art wotk.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1]

By Occupation

December 1979

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,560	6,638	$8,732/yr	$8,582/yr	2,778	3,223	1,741	1,981
Professional, technical, and managerial	865	989	11,254/yr	11,257/yr	699	741	463	474
Clerical and sales	1,447	1,809	7,392/yr	7,332/yr	1,050	1,074	714	704
Service	618	966	3.25/hr	3.24/hr	341	433	182	274
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	79	101	3.54/hr	3.53/hr	35	42	20	17
Processing	282	476	5.05/hr	5.12/hr	45	74	12	54
Machine trades	250	372	4.87/hr	4.52/hr	157	202	97	111
Bench work	209	332	3.50/hr	3.45/hr	115	133	72	74
Structural work	451	807	4.43/hr	4.31/hr	178	307	98	194
Miscellaneous	359	786	4.48/hr	4.26/hr	158	217	83	79

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[1] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

December 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec 1979 2/	Nov 1979 3/	Dec 1978 3/	Dec 1979 2/	Nov 1979 3/	Dec 1978 3/	Dec 1979 2/	Nov 1979 3/	Dec 1978 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$292.46	$284.13	$256.06	41.9	41.6	41.5	$6.98	$6.83	$6.17
Durable goods	294.42	284.83	254.18	42.0	41.4	41.6	7.01	6.88	6.11
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	239.32	233.81	216.54	40.7	39.9	40.1	5.88	5.86	5.40
Primary and fabricated metals	293.85	279.20	244.41	41.8	40.7	40.6	7.03	6.86	6.02
Machinery and transportation equipment	322.58	312.16	282.44	42.5	41.9	42.6	7.59	7.45	6.63
Nondurable goods	289.82	282.99	258.34	41.7	41.8	41.4	6.95	6.77	6.24
Food and kindred products	319.60	308.85	275.15	42.5	42.6	41.5	7.52	7.25	6.63
Meat products	342.34	336.05	293.87	41.8	42.7	41.1	8.19	7.87	7.15
Dairy products	196.93	198.93	193.03	36.2	36.5	38.3	5.44	5.45	5.04
Grain mill products	406.55	390.26	340.46	49.1	48.3	49.2	8.28	8.08	6.92
Bakery products	249.74	247.35	228.38	36.3	35.9	34.6	6.88	6.89	6.43
Other food and kindred products	224.13	214.12	190.26	40.9	39.8	37.6	5.48	5.38	5.06
Printing and publishing	259.31	262.06	245.86	40.9	41.4	41.6	6.34	6.33	5.91
Chemicals and allied products	297.47	299.53	280.28	44.2	43.6	45.5	6.73	6.87	6.16

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $8.33 from November 1979 to December 1979. This included a gain of $9.59 in durable goods and an increase of $6.83 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $36.40, including a rise of $40.24 in durable goods and a gain of $31.48 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.3 hours from November 1979 to December 1979, and also increased by 0.4 hours from December 1978.

Average hourly earnings increased by $.15 month-to-month, and rose by $.81 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

November 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	30	45	38	26	42	34	38	43	36	23	30	25	9	5	4
Durable goods	29	44	40	26	41	37	36	41	31	20	27	23	10	5	1
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	38	57	38	35	55	36	68	60	39	31	50	29	33	4	4
Furniture and fixtures	7	16	27	6	15	27	35	39	29	22	29	29	6	1	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	34	43	32	29	37	29	39	53	28	20	26	18	13	14	3
Machinery and transportation equipment	23	38	44	21	36	39	30	31	31	16	20	23	8	3	1
Other durable goods	46	73	47	43	69	44	38	53	28	31	45	20	4/	4/	2
Nondurable goods	31	47	35	27	43	31	39	47	40	27	35	26	6	6	7
Food and kindred products	32	46	35	29	43	30	39	51	41	26	35	25	7	9	9
Meat products	33	50	40	31	48	35	36	44	32	31	32	23	4/	5	1
Dairy products	16	17	20	15	17	18	19	42	38	14	33	28	4/	4/	5
Grain mill products	24	23	23	20	20	21	44	58	62	13	32	19	28	21	35
Bakery products	32	44	30	27	37	24	34	44	29	27	34	22	1	5	2
Other food and kindred products	49	79	57	41	71	43	49	68	47	36	48	33	5	9	8
Textiles and apparel	35	38	54	32	38	54	41	57	66	33	50	46	4	2	18
Paper and allied products	19	41	47	18	41	46	21	33	37	15	27	28	1	4/	1
Printing and publishing	28	47	26	27	44	26	42	41	43	32	35	34	3	1	4/
Chemicals and allied products	21	26	24	18	25	22	10	16	21	6	12	14	4/	4/	4
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	34	68	43	22	59	35	55	52	29	33	38	19	15	8	1

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than 0.05.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 45 per 1,000 workers in September 1979 to 30 per 1,000 in November 1979. Durable goods dropped from 44 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also dipped from 47 per 1,000 to 31 per 1,000 - during this period. Year-to-year, accessions also declined from 38 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. This included a drop in durable goods from 40 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, and also a decline in nondurable goods from 35 per 1,000 to 31 per 1,000. Separations in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 43 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000 from October 1979 to November 1979. Durable goods dipped from 41 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000, and nondurable goods dropped from 47 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000 - during that period. Year-to-year, separations increased from 36 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000, including a rise in durable goods from 31 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000, and a dip in nondurable goods from 40 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

December 1979

	Dec 1979	Nov 1979	Dec 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	$7,862	$6,132	$8,463
Weeks claimed	30,487	21,167	35,836
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$2,282,108	$1,602,963	$2,214,571
Calendar year to date	$24,734,722	$22,452,614	$24,989,522
Average size of weekly payments	$90.83	$89.51	$79.17
First payments	2,908	2,021	4,140
Exhaustions	678	507	772
Individuals who drew benefits	8,983	6,152	10,352
Rate of insured unemployment	1.3	0.9	1.7
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	57,787	52,625	68,482
Average size of weekly payments	$80.71	$80.10	$77.12
First payments	39	44	64
Exhaustions	20	8	32
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$22,979	$20,461	$17,703
Average size of weekly payments	$91.19	$87.82	$83.19
First payments	32	44	28
Exhaustions	2	0	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,572	37,085	36,877
Contributions received	$74,013	$3,002,584	$205,359
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,884,659	$81,852,943	$65,038,153

U.I. initial claims in Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers increased from 6,132 in November 1979 to 7,862 in December 1979. Weeks claimed increased from 21,167 in November 1979 to 30,487 in December 1979. UI benefit payments increased from 1.6 million in November 1979 to 2.3 million in December 1979. The number of insured unemployed increased from 5,242 in November 1979 to 7,369 in December 1979. The rate of insured unemployment increased from 0.9% in November 1979 to 1.3% in December 1979. The year-to-year contributions stood at 33.4 million compared to 33.5 million one year ago. The fund balance stood at 79.9 million compared to 65.0 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

December 1979

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	4,694	66.4
Female	2,372	33.6
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	6,422	90.9
All other races	644	9.1
AGE:		
Under 22	988	14.0
22 - 44	4,315	61.1
45 and over	1,763	24.9
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,239	60.0
5 - 14	2,356	33.3
15 and over	471	6.7

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,254	17.7
Clerical and sales	1,085	15.4
Service	471	6.7
Farm and related	177	2.5
Processing	276	3.9
Machine trades	332	4.7
Bench work	373	5.3
Structural work	1,857	26.3
Miscellaneous	1,241	17.5
INDUSTRY:		
Manufacturing	1,810	25.6
Nonmanufacturing	5,256	74.4

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including th 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for December 1979 was 7,066.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. City Average

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, DECEMBER 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	229.9	1.1	13.3	230.0	1.1	13.4
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	235.5	1.0	10.0	235.7	1.1	10.1
Food	241.7	1.1	10.2	241.8	1.1	10.3
Food at home	238.7	1.1	9.5	238.3	1.2	9.5
Cereals & bakery products	231.6	1.3	11.4	232.3	1.1	11.3
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	235.5	2.3	8.8	235.1	2.2	8.7
Dairy products	216.9	0.4	10.4	217.4	0.5	10.5
Fruits & vegetables	230.2	0.3	9.8	228.3	0.7	9.9
Sugar & sweets	284.6	0.5	7.4	284.1	0.8	7.5
Fats & oils	233.0	0.3	7.1	233.7	0.4	7.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	375.4	0.3	9.9	372.3	0.4	9.3
Other prepared foods	217.4	1.0	9.9	217.2	0.7	9.9
Food away from home	253.4	0.8	11.4	255.1	0.9	12.1
Alcoholic beverages	178.0	0.3	8.0	178.7	0.4	8.2
HOUSING	243.6	1.2	15.2	243.6	1.2	15.3
Rent residential	182.9	0.4	7.9	182.7	0.4	7.9
Homeownership	286.9	1.6	19.8	288.7	1.6	20.4
Fuel & other utilities	255.1	1.2	16.0	255.7	1.3	16.2
Household furnishings & oper.	195.8	0.4	6.4	193.9	0.4	6.3
APPAREL & UPKEEP	172.2	0.3	5.5	171.4	0.1	5.0
Men's & boys' apparel	165.4	-0-	3.2	165.0	-0.2	2.9
Women's & girl's apparel	154.6	-0.3	1.9	153.5	-0.6	1.1
Infant's & toddler's apparel	227.1	0.4	3.6	230.5	0.8	7.0
Footwear	184.3	0.3	8.7	183.8	0.3	8.9
TRANSPORTATION	227.7	1.2	18.2	228.3	1.2	18.2
Private transportation	227.5	1.1	18.2	228.2	1.1	18.4
Public transportation	223.0	3.0	17.9	219.1	2.4	15.3
MEDICAL CARE	250.7	1.1	10.1	251.7	1.0	10.4
Medical care commodities	159.2	0.9	7.6	159.9	0.9	7.5
Medical care services	270.7	1.2	10.6	271.8	1.1	11.0
ENTERTAINMENT	193.4	0.3	6.9	191.5	-0.3	5.8
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	204.0	0.5	7.9	203.0	0.5	7.7
ALL ITEMS (1957=100)	267.4			267.4		

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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

ANSWER: From YOU - the employer!

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

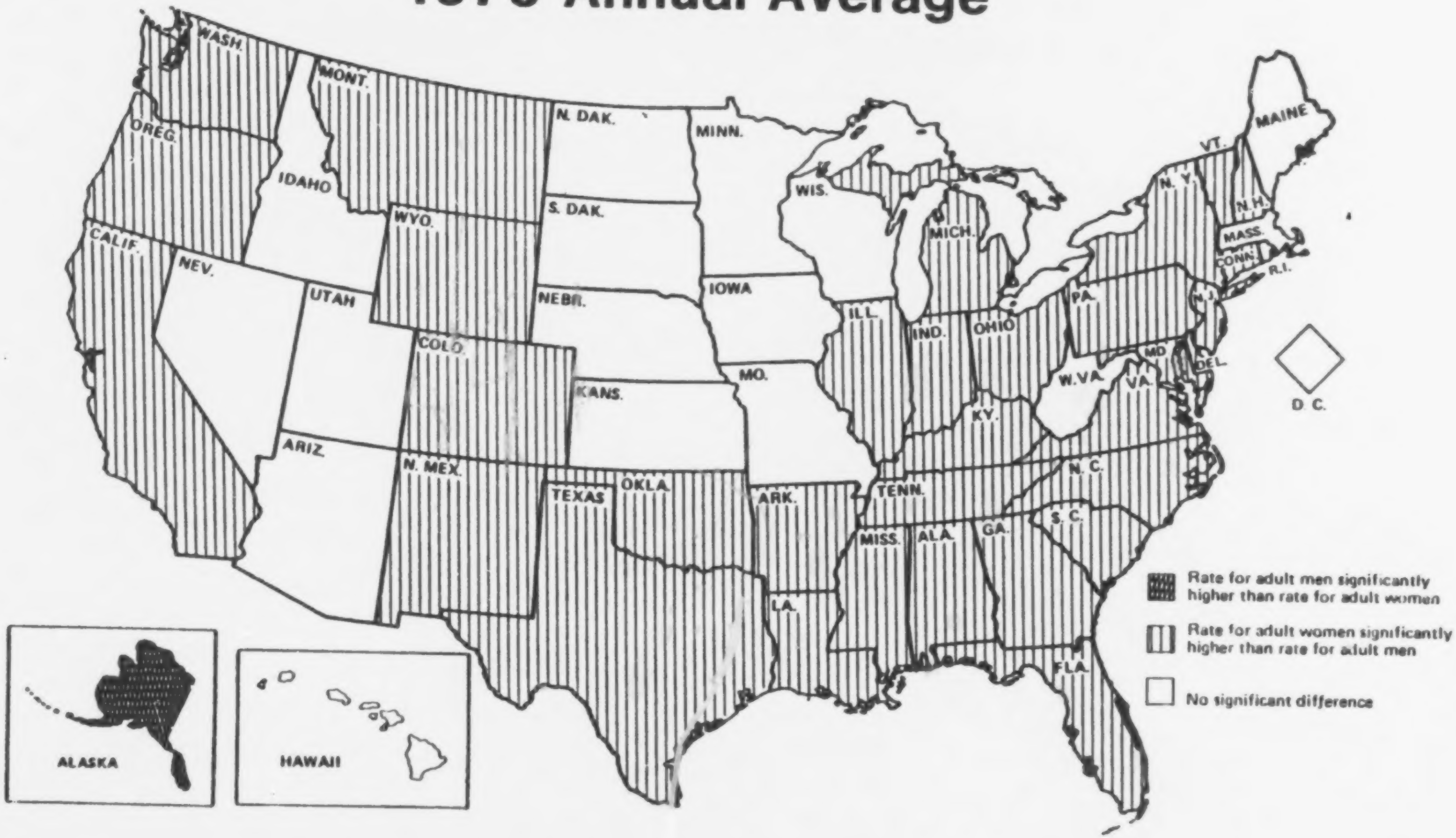
This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Work Trends

January 1980

Comparison of Unemployment Rates of Adult Men and Adult Women by State
1979 Annual Average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▦ Rate for adult men significantly higher than rate for adult women
▥ Rate for adult women significantly higher than rate for adult men
☐ No significant difference

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 1980

Note: The findings above are based on tests of statistical significance.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

January 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Jan 1980	Dec 1979	Jan 1979	Dec 1979	Jan 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	743,450	771,400	731,800	-27,950	11,650
Employment	712,400	744,250	701,600	-31,850	10,800
Unemployment	31,050	27,150	30,200	3,900	850
Unemployment rate 2/	4.2	3.5	4.1	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	275,550	285,400	272,450	- 9,850	3,100
Employment	261,800	272,900	258,200	-11,100	3,600
Unemployment	13,750	12,500	14,250	1,250	- 500
Unemployment rate 2/	5.0	4.4	5.2	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	109,600	115,250	106,400	- 5,650	3,200
Employment	105,650	111,500	102,250	- 5,850	3,400
Unemployment	3,950	3,750	4,150	200	- 200
Unemployment rate 2/	3.6	3.3	3.9	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 231,850 is included in the Nebraska total only, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 43,700, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 3,900 from December 1979 to January 1980 reaching a new total of 31,050. The January 1980 total was 850 more than in January 1979. The unemployment rate moved upward from 3.5 in December 1979 to 4.2 in January 1980, compared to 4.1 in January 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 1,250 from December 1979 to January 1980 but dropped by 500 from January 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 4.4 in December 1979 to 5.0 in January 1980, compared to 5.2 January 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 4,150 from December 1979 to January 1980 but declined by 200 from January 1979. The unemployment rate increased by 3.3 in December 1979 to 3.6 in January 1980, compared to 3.9 in January 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease slightly (550) from January 1980 to February 1980 reflecting a new total of 742,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 32,000 while the employment segment is projected as 710,900.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA[1/][2/]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Jan 1980[3/]	Dec 1979[4/]	Jan 1979[4/]	Change From Dec 1979	Change From Jan 1979	Percent Change From Jan 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	616,250	632,550	604,800	-16,300	11,450	1.9
MANUFACTURING	99,250	100,400	96,800	- 1,150	2,450	2.5
Durable goods	52,650	53,100	50,400	- 450	2,250	4.5
Construction material	4,750	5,100	5,150	- 350	- 400	- 7.1
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,150	2,250	2,450	- 100	- 300	-12.5
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,650	2,850	2,700	- 200	- 50	- 2.1
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,750	1,850	- 100	- 200	-10.5
Metals	9,800	9,800	9,250	0	550	5.7
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,650	0	300	18.6
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation	7,850	7,850	7,650	0	200	3.0
Machinery except electrical	14,150	14,200	12,400	- 50	1,750	14.2
Farm machinery & equipment	8,450	8,450	7,450	0	1,000	13.3
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,850	10,900	10,700	- 50	150	1.4
Transportation equipment	5,950	5,900	5,950	50	0	0.0
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,150	3,300	- 50	- 200	- 5.3
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,550	5,550	5,200	0	350	7.1
Nondurable goods	46,600	47,300	46,400	- 700	200	0.4
Food & kindred products	27,600	28,000	27,450	- 400	150	0.4
Meat products	13,850	13,900	13,700	- 50	150	1.0
Dairy products	1,850	1,950	1,900	- 100	- 50	- 2.1
Grain mill	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	100	3.2
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,350	7,650	7,500	- 300	- 150	- 1.6
Textile products & apparel	2,200	2,300	2,250	- 100	- 50	- 2.3
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,550	7,600	7,250	- 50	300	4.1
Chemicals & allied products	2,500	2,500	2,450	0	50	1.5
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,800	6,850	7,000	- 50	- 200	- 2.9
NONMANUFACTURING	517,000	532,150	508,050	-15,150	8,950	1.8
MINING	1,450	1,700	1,500	- 250	- 50	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	27,350	31,250	26,950	- 3,900	400	1.5
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,100	9,250	8,600	- 1,150	- 500	- 5.6
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,100	6,700	4,650	- 1,600	450	10.1
Construction - special trade contractors	14,100	15,300	13,700	- 1,200	400	3.0
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	45,600	46,300	44,100	- 700	1,500	3.4
Railroad transportation	14,600	14,750	14,050	- 150	550	4.2
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc)	14,500	14,950	14,300	- 450	200	1.6
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,500	16,550	15,800	- 50	700	4.5

TRADE	162,200	168,000	159,150	-5,800	3,050	1.9
Wholesale	47,600	47,550	46,300	50	1,300	2.8
Durable	24,600	24,750	24,000	- 150	600	2.5
Nondurable	23,000	22,800	22,300	200	700	3.2
Retail	114,600	120,450	112,900	-5,850	1,700	1.5
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,650	6,000	5,700	- 350	- 50	- 0.3
General merchandise stores	16,200	18,200	16,500	-2,000	- 300	- 1.8
Food stores	15,650	15,700	15,400	- 50	250	1.6
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,600	16,950	16,400	- 350	200	1.2
Apparel & accessory stores	6,050	6,700	6,450	- 650	- 400	- 5.9
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,350	4,300	4,250	50	100	3.0
Eating & drinking places	38,200	40,200	36,250	-2,000	1,950	5.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,850	12,400	11,950	- 550	- 100	- 1.0
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,700	3,800	3,600	- 100	100	3.1
Other miscellaneous retail (including liqour stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc)	8,150	8,650	8,400	- 500	- 250	- 2.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,350	41,500	40,150	- 150	1,200	3.0
Banking	10,450	10,550	10,250	- 100	200	1.9
Insurance	20,100	20,050	19,500	50	600	2.9
Real estate	4,550	4,650	4,400	- 100	150	3.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,250	6,000	50	300	4.4
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	114,750	116,500	109,600	-1,750	5,150	4.7
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,050	7,400	6,500	- 350	550	8.7
Personal services	6,200	6,200	6,350	0	- 150	- 3.1
Business services	17,900	18,350	16,450	- 450	1,450	8.8
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,050	4,000	3,950	50	100	3.0
Amusement & recreation	5,600	6,050	4,900	- 450	700	14.1
Health services	40,400	40,300	38,550	100	1,850	4.8
Educational services	8,100	8,550	8,050	- 450	50	0.5
Social services	5,950	6,050	5,600	- 100	350	5.9
Membership organizations	8,450	8,700	8,700	- 250	- 250	- 2.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,050	10,900	10,500	150	550	5.2
GOVERNMENT	124,350	126,950	126,600	-2,600	-2,250	- 1.8
Federal	15,850	16,000	16,300	- 150	- 450	- 2.5
State	30,850	34,150	30,550	-3,300	300	0.9
Local	77,650	76,800	79,750	850	-2,100	- 2.6

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

Note: These estimates are based on March 1979 Benchmark. All months comparable.

JANUARY 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 16,300 from December 1979 to January 1980. Manufacturing decreased by 1,150 while nonmanufacturing dropped by 15,150.

The decrease of 1,150 in manufacturing included a drop of 700 in nondurable goods along with a dip of 450 in durable goods. The major drop in nondurable goods was in food products (-400).

Month-to-month decreases occurred in trade (-5,800), government (-2,600), services except domestic (-1,750) and construction/mining (-4,150).

The decrease in trade included a rise of 50 in wholesale trade and a drop of 5,850 in retail trade - primarily in general merchandise stores (-2,000) and eating and drinking establishments (-2,000).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 11,450 from January 1979 to January 1980. This included a gain of 2,450 in manufacturing, and a rise of 8,950 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 2,450 in manufacturing included a gain of 2,250 in durable goods, and an increase of 200 in nondurable goods. The principal gain in durable goods employment was in machinery except electrical (1,750).

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (5,150), trade (3,050), finance-insurance-real estate (1,200), transportation-communication-utilities (1,500), and construction/mining (350). The largest increases in services were in health services (1,850), and business services (1,450). The increase of 3,050 in trade included a gain of 1,300 in wholesale trade and an increase of 1,700 in retail trade. The largest increase in retail trade occurred in eating and drinking places (1,950).

A year-to-year loss occurred in government employment (-2,250) led by a reduction in local government employment (2,100).

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in March 1980 is projected to show a moderate increase. A substantial increase is anticipated in trade reflecting customary Easter/Spring activity. Moderate increases are anticipated in services and agriculture. Slight increases are anticipated in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate and government. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in manufacturing.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

January 1980

		Applicants Available FY to date [2/]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
				Received FY to date [2/]	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more			
TOTAL [3/]		60,764	25,895	22,030	4,946	3,327	2.76	5.24	67.3
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	5,885	2,612	1,871	1,423	1,149	3.15	1.84	80.7
2	Clerical and sales	15,611	5,943	5,171	1,834	1,171	3.02	3.24	63.8
	Entry codes [4/]	3,321	1,159	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	9,408	3,601	4,031	1,560	1,016	2.33	2.31	38.7
	25-29 Sales	2,882	1,183	1,140	274	155	2.53	4.32	56.6
3	Service	9,410	4,004	3,651	584	313	2.58	6.86	53.6
	Entry codes [4/]	1,603	563	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	616	236	591	50	28	1.04	4.72	56.0
	31-39 Other	7,191	3,205	3,060	534	285	2.35	6.00	53.4
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,711	507	605	40	29	2.83	12.68	72.5
5	Processing	1,618	577	1,380	51	27	1.17	11.31	52.9
6	Machine trades	2,715	1,213	776	181	100	3.50	6.70	55.2
7	Bench work	2,824	1,285	798	147	84	3.54	8.74	57.1
8	Structural work	6,937	3,336	2,588	242	133	2.68	13.79	55.0
9	Miscellaneous	9,196	4,366	5,145	210	88	1.79	20.79	41.9
	Entry codes [4/]	2,000	847	-----	-----	-----	----	-----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	3,139	1,611	2,031	102	50	1.55	15.79	49.0
	92 Packaging, materials handling	3,793	1,792	2,943	53	19	1.29	33.81	35.8
	93-97 Other [5/]	264	116	171	55	19	1.54	6.11	34.5

[1/] Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

[2/] Period covered: 10-1-79 through 1-31-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.

[3/] Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

[4/] Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

[5/] Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

January 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan 1980 2/	Dec 1979 3/	Jan 1979 3/	Jan 1980 2/	Dec 1979 3/	Jan 1979 3/	Jan 1980 2/	Dec 1979 3/	Jan 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$287.58	$290.79	$259.79	41.2	42.7	41.5	$6.98	$6.81	$6.26
Durable goods	284.14	289.20	256.47	41.3	43.1	41.3	6.88	6.71	6.21
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	219.83	238.76	205.47	36.7	40.4	37.3	5.99	5.91	5.45
Primary and fabricated metals	269.79	287.58	248.21	39.1	41.2	41.3	6.90	6.98	6.01
Machinery and transportation equipment	313.90	315.14	284.75	43.0	44.7	42.5	7.30	7.05	6.70
Nondurable goods	292.11	293.14	263.96	41.2	42.3	41.7	7.09	6.93	6.33
Food and kindred products	320.12	319.37	287.05	41.9	43.1	42.4	7.64	7.41	6.77
Meat products	348.19	350.18	313.42	41.8	43.5	42.7	8.33	8.05	7.34
Dairy products	201.29	190.64	190.26	36.4	35.5	37.9	5.53	5.37	5.02
Grain mill products	386.32	395.77	337.77	46.1	48.8	48.6	8.38	8.11	6.95
Bakery products	231.54	250.11	209.19	34.0	36.3	33.1	6.81	6.89	6.32
Other food and kindred products	229.77	223.18	208.94	41.4	40.8	39.2	5.55	5.47	5.33
Printing and publishing	253.34	265.97	237.74	39.4	41.3	40.5	6.43	6.44	5.87
Chemicals and allied products	275.31	300.83	253.21	41.4	44.9	44.5	6.65	6.70	5.69

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing decreased by $3.21 from December 1979 to January 1980. This included drops of $5.06 in durable goods and $1.03 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $27.79. This included increases of $27.67 in durable goods and $28.15 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours declined by 1.5 hours from December 1979 to January 1980, and also dropped by 0.3 hours from January 1979.

Average hourly earnings increased by $0.17 month-to-month and rose by $0.72 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

December 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec 2/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1979	Dec 3/ 1978	Dec 2/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1979	Dec 3/ 1978	Dec 2/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1979	Dec 3/ 1978	Dec 2/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1979	Dec 3/ 1978	Dec 2/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1979	Dec 3/ 1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	21	30	29	18	27	25	28	37	32	17	23	20	6	8	6
Durable goods	18	29	25	15	26	22	25	36	27	17	20	17	6	10	4
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	31	38	22	13	35	19	69	68	65	25	31	23	40	33	35
Furniture and fixtures	11	7	22	11	6	22	17	35	35	14	22	31	1	6	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	11	34	17	9	29	16	22	39	22	11	20	15	5	13	4/
Machinery and transportation equipment	16	24	27	14	22	24	17	30	20	10	16	14	7	8	4/
Other durable goods	38	46	31	35	43	27	33	38	35	22	31	23	3	4/	1
Nondurable goods	25	31	33	22	27	28	32	39	37	22	27	23	6	6	8
Food and kindred products	24	32	33	22	29	30	34	39	40	25	26	26	4	7	7
Meat products	25	33	39	24	31	37	39	36	37	32	31	27	2	4/	2
Dairy products	33	16	26	25	16	25	25	19	23	19	14	20	4/	4/	4/
Grain mill products	19	24	13	18	20	11	14	44	22	9	13	10	3	28	10
Bakery products	32	32	44	29	27	26	32	34	46	29	27	36	4/	1	2
Other food and kindred products	20	49	36	18	41	34	42	49	75	19	36	40	17	5	26
Textiles and apparel	34	35	65	30	32	42	54	41	77	24	33	39	28	4	34
Paper and allied products	17	19	23	15	18	21	10	21	12	10	15	10	4/	1	4/
Printing and publishing	32	30	31	28	28	25	28	41	28	23	30	22	4/	3	2
Chemicals and allied products	16	22	17	16	20	15	13	11	46	9	8	15	1	4/	24
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	22	34	30	16	22	27	31	55	23	13	33	15	13	15	4/

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than 0.05.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 30 per 1,000 workers in November 1979 to 21 per 1,000 in December 1979. Accessions in durable goods dropped from 29 per 1,000 to 18 per 1,000 and nondurable goods declined from 31 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000 during this same period. Year-to-year, accessions also declined from 29 per 1,000 to 21 per 1,000. This included a drop in durable goods from 25 per 1,000 to 18 per 1,000 and a drop from 33 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000 for nondurable goods. Separations in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 37 per 1,000 in November 1979 to 28 per 1,000 in December 1979. Separations in durable goods declined from 36 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000, and nondurable goods dropped from 39 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000 during that period.

Year-to-year, separations declined from 32 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. This included a slight decline in durable goods from 27 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000 and a drop from 37 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000 in nondurable goods.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

January 1980

	Jan 1980	Dec 1979	Jan 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	10,242	7,862	8,898
Weeks claimed	58,975	30,487	58,134
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$4,738,133	$2,282,108	$3,916,769
Calendar year to date	$4,738,133	$24,734,722	$3,916,769
Average size of weekly payments	$92.94	$90.83	$81.01
First payments	6,624	2,908	5,934
Exhaustions	939	678	859
Individuals who drew benefits	16,080	8,983	15,062
Rate of insured unemployment	2.1	1.3	2.3
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$76,426	$57,787	$84,045
Average size of weekly payments	$79.44	$80.71	$73.85
First payments	46	39	69
Exhaustions	27	20	27
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$42,221	$22,979	$27,499
Average size of weekly payments	$86.87	$91.19	$77.68
First payments	41	32	31
Exhaustions	2	2	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,623	37,572	36,963
Contributions received	$2,471,023	$74,013	$1,431,353
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,210,226	$79,884,659	$63,733,849

UI initial claims in area claims centers increased from 7,862 in December 1979 to 10,242 in January 1980.
Weeks claimed increased from 30,487 in December 1979 to 58,975 in January 1980.
UI benefit payments increased from 2.3 million in December 1979 to 4.7 million in January 1980.
The number of insured unemployed increased from 7,369 in December 1979 to 12,262 in January 1980.
The rate of insured unemployed increased from 1.3 percent in December 1979 to 2.1 percent in January 1980.
The year-to-date contributions stood at 2.5 million compared to 1.4 million one year ago.
The fund balance stood at 79.2 million compared to 63.7 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	8,788	74.2
Female	3,061	25.8
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	10,916	92.1
All other races	933	7.9
AGE:		
Under 22	1,582	13.3
22 - 44	7,096	59.9
45 and over	3,171	26.8
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	6,782	57.2
5 - 14	4,366	36.8
15 and over	701	6.0

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,410	11.9
Clerical and sales	1,273	10.7
Service	664	5.6
Farm and related	277	2.3
Processing	424	3.6
Machine trades	493	4.2
Bench work	571	4.8
Structural work	4,573	38.6
Miscellaneous	2,067	17.5
INA	97	0.8
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	4,288	36.2
Manufacturing	2,699	22.8
Durable goods	1,377	11.6
Nondurable goods	1,322	11.2
Transportation, communication and utilities	454	3.8
Trade (wholesale & retail)	1,585	13.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	200	1.7
Services	1,084	9.1
Government	375	3.2
INA	1,164	9.8

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for January 1980 was 11,849.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JANUARY 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	233.2	1.4	13.9	233.3	1.4	14.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	237.5	0.8	8.8	237.8	0.9	8.9
Food	243.8	0.9	8.9	244.0	0.9	9.0
Food at home	240.6	0.8	7.8	240.1	0.8	7.7
Cereals & bakery products	234.2	1.1	11.5	234.7	1.0	11.3
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	238.0	1.1	6.6	237.5	1.0	6.4
Dairy products	218.4	0.7	10.1	218.9	0.7	10.2
Fruits & vegetables	229.8	-0.2	3.7	227.2	-0.5	3.5
Sugar & sweets	289.8	1.8	8.1	289.6	1.9	8.2
Fats & oils	233.9	0.4	7.2	234.9	0.5	7.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	378.5	0.8	9.6	375.6	0.9	9.1
Other prepared foods	218.8	0.6	9.3	219.1	0.9	9.6
Food away from home	256.1	1.1	11.3	258.0	1.1	11.9
Alcoholic beverages	179.3	0.7	8.0	179.7	0.6	8.2
HOUSING	247.3	1.5	16.0	247.3	1.5	16.2
Rent residential	184.1	0.7	8.1	183.9	0.7	8.0
Homeownership	292.5	2.0	21.1	294.6	2.0	21.7
Fuel & other utilities	258.6	1.4	16.7	259.2	1.4	16.9
Household furnishings & oper.	196.9	0.6	6.5	194.9	0.5	6.2
APPAREL & UPKEEP	171.0	-0.7	6.4	169.8	-0.9	5.4
Men's & boys' apparel	162.8	-1.6	3.4	162.4	-1.6	2.7
Women's & girl's apparel	151.5	-2.0	3.1	149.9	-2.3	1.8
Infant's & toddler's apparel	224.9	-1.0	4.2	229.1	-0.6	6.3
Footwear	183.7	-0.3	8.9	183.3	-0.3	9.1
TRANSPORTATION	233.5	2.5	20.4	234.1	2.5	20.4
Private transportation	233.5	2.6	20.5	234.1	2.6	20.5
Public transportation	226.8	1.7	19.4	221.9	1.3	16.2
MEDICAL CARE	253.9	1.3	10.1	254.5	1.3	10.7
Medical care commodities	160.5	0.8	7.9	161.0	0.7	7.6
Medical care services	274.4	1.4	10.5	275.6	1.4	11.4
ENTERTAINMENT	195.3	1.0	7.1	193.9	0.8	6.5
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	206.3	1.1	8.3	206.0	1.5	8.3
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	271.2			271.3		

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Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

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The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

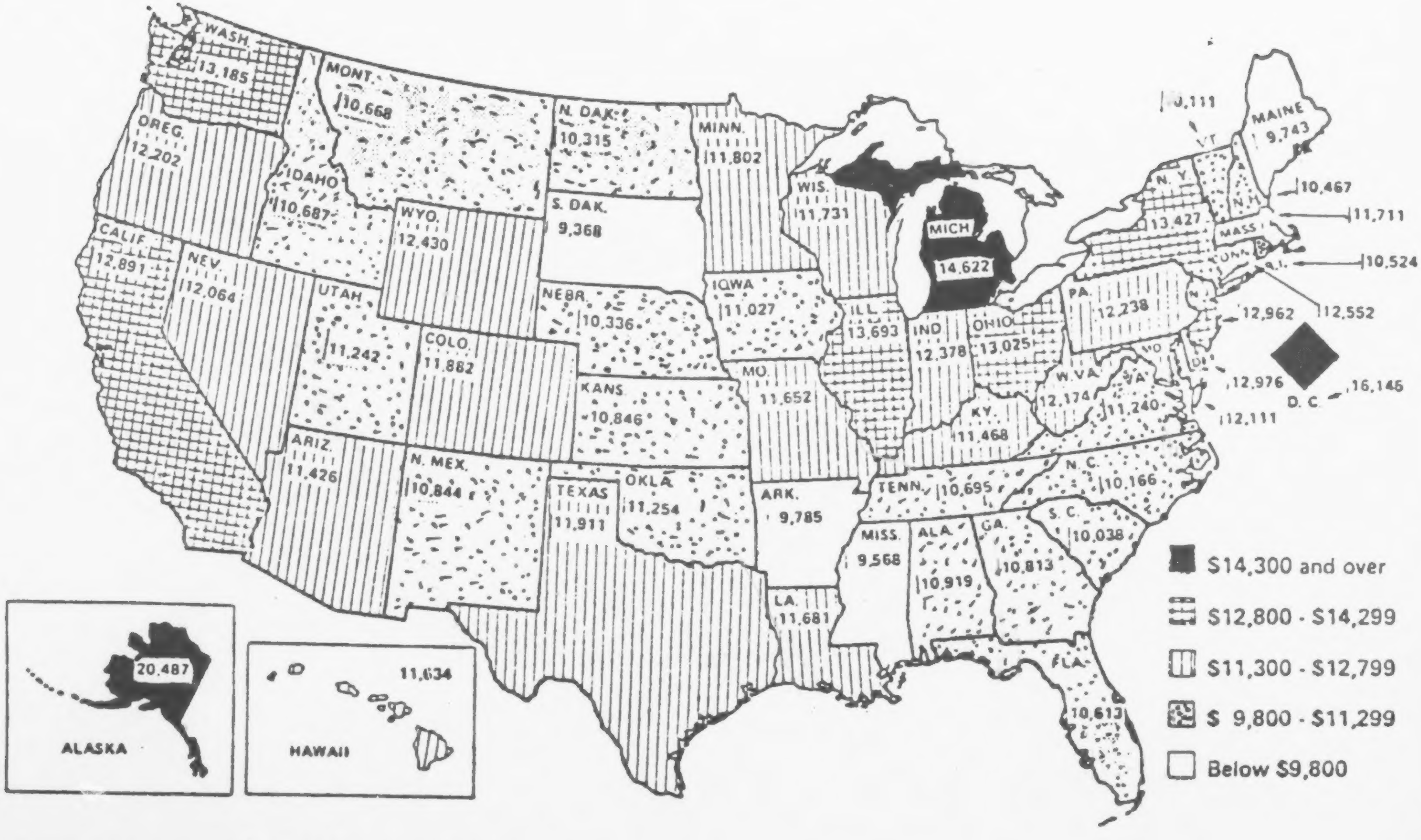
This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Work Trends

February 1980

Average Annual Pay, by State, 1978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MICH 14,622
IND 12,378
OHIO 13,025
KY. 11,468
TENN. 10,695
MISS. 9,568
ALA. 10,919
GA. 10,813
FLA. 10,613
S. C. 10,038
N. C. 10,166
W. VA. 12,174
VA. 11,240
PA. 12,238
N. Y. 13,427
VT 0,111
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N.H 10,467
MASS 11,711
CONN 12,552
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$14,300 and over
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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA[1]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

February 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Revised	
	Feb 1980	Jan 1980	Feb 1979	Jan 1980	Feb 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor	752,550	745,250	739,750	7,300	12,800
Employment	723,000	713,000	712,050	10,000	10,950
Unemployment	29,550	32,250	27,700	-2,700	1,850
Unemployment rate 2/	3.9	4.3	3.7	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	275,250	272,650	274,200	2,600	1,050
Employment	262,300	258,850	261,250	3,450	1,050
Unemployment	12,950	13,800	12,950	- 850	0
Unemployment rate 2/	4.7	5.1	4.7	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	111,400	108,800	108,450	2,600	2,950
Employment	107,850	104,950	105,050	2,900	2,800
Unemployment	3,550	3,850	3,400	- 300	150
Unemployment rate 2/	3.2	3.5	3.1	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.
3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 234,550 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,700, is excluded from the Nebraska total.
4/ Defined as Lancaster County.
NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 2,700 from January 1980 to February 1980, dropping to a new total of 29,550. The February 1980 total was 1,850 more than in February 1979. The unemployment rate moved down from 4.3 percent in January 1980 to 3.9 percent in February 1980, and compared to 3.7 percent in February 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 850 from January 1980 to February 1980, and the totals were unchanged from February 1979. The unemployment rate decreased from 5.1 percent in January 1980 to 4.7 percent in February 1980 and also compared to 4.7 percent in February 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA decreased by 300 from January 1980 to February 1980 and increased by 150 from February 1979. The unemployment rate moved down from 3.5 percent in January 1980 to 3.2 percent in February 1979 and compared to 3.1 percent in February 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 12,350 from February 1980 to March 1980, reaching a new total of 764,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 29,550, while the employment segment is projected as 735,350.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Feb 1980 3/	Jan 1980 4/	Feb 1979 4/	Change From Jan 1980	Change From Feb 1979	Percent Change From Feb 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	617,600	616,800	606,600	800	11,000	1.8
MANUFACTURING	99,000	99,500	97,100	- 500	1,900	2.0
Durable goods	52,550	52,600	51,250	- 50	1,300	2.6
Construction material	4,800	4,800	5,150	0	- 350	- 6.4
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,150	2,450	- 50	- 350	-14.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,700	2,650	2,700	50	0	1.2
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,850	0	- 150	- 6.6
Metals	9,600	9,600	9,300	0	300	3.0
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,650	0	300	15.6
Fabricated metal products, except machinery transportation equipment	7,650	7,650	7,650	0	0	0.2
Machinery except electrical	14,100	14,200	12,950	- 100	1,150	8.8
Farm machinery & equipment	8,350	8,450	7,850	- 100	500	6.4
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,900	10,850	10,750	50	150	1.1
Transportation equipment	5,950	5,900	6,000	50	- 50	- 0.6
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,100	3,300	0	- 200	- 5.0
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,500	5,550	5,250	- 50	250	5.2
Nondurable goods	46,450	46,900	45,850	- 450	600	1.3
Food & kindred products	27,350	27,750	26,850	- 400	500	1.9
Meat products	13,850	13,850	13,650	0	200	1.4
Dairy products	1,850	1,850	1,950	0	- 100	- 4.5
Grain mill	4,300	4,500	4,350	- 200	- 50	- 0.8
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,350	7.550	6,900	- 200	450	6.2
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,200	2,350	50	- 100	- 4.5
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,600	7,550	7,200	50	400	5.3
Chemicals & allied products	2,550	2,550	2,400	0	150	6.3
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,700	6,850	7,050	- 150	- 350	- 4.9
NONMANUFACTURING	518,600	517,300	509,500	1,300	9,100	1.8
MINING	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0	1.0
CONSTRUCTION	27,500	27,750	26,200	- 250	1,300	5.0
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	7,950	8,100	8,100	- 150	- 150	- 1.5
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,600	5,550	4,550	50	1,050	22.6
Construction - special trade contractors	13,950	14,100	13,550	- 150	400	3.2
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	45,450	45,550	44,400	- 100	1,050	2.4
Railroad transportation	14,350	14,450	14,150	- 100	200	1.5
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,500	14,500	14,400	0	100	0.7
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,600	16,600	15,850	0	750	4.7

TRADE	162,000	163,100	157,600	-1,100	4,400	2.8
Wholesale	47,400	47,400	46,350	0	1,050	2.3
Durable	24,700	24,600	24,050	100	650	2.8
Nondurable	22,700	22,800	22,300	- 100	400	1.8
Retail	114,600	115,700	111,250	-1,100	3,350	3.0
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,550	5,650	5,650	- 100	- 100	- 1.2
General merchandise stores	15,300	16,200	15,400	- 900	- 100	- 0.6
Food stores	15,550	15,700	15,250	- 150	300	2.1
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,550	16,600	16,500	- 50	50	0.3
Apparel & accessory stores	6.200	6,350	6,400	- 150	- 200	- 3.0
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,200	4,350	4,150	- 150	50	0.4
Eating & drinking places	39,500	39,000	36,150	500	3,350	9.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,750	11,850	11,750	- 100	0	0.2
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,650	3,700	3,500	- 50	150	4.7
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,100	8,150	8,250	- 50	- 150	- 1.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,500	41,500	40,250	0	1,250	3.1
Banking	10,500	10,450	10,250	50	250	2.1
Insurance	20,100	20,050	19.600	50	500	2.5
Real estate	4,650	4,700	4,400	- 50	250	6.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,250	6,300	6,000	- 50	250	3.8
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	114,750	114,450	110,250	300	4,500	4.1
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	6,750	7,050	6,500	- 300	250	3.8
Personal services	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	- 100	- 2.1
Business services	17,600	17,900	16,200	- 300	1,400	8.4
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,100	4,050	3,950	50	150	3.5
Amusement & recreation	5,950	5,700	5,150	250	800	15.2
Health services	40,500	40,400	38,650	100	1,850	4.9
Educational services	8,150	7,850	8,400	300	- 250	- 3.1
Social services	6,000	5,900	5,750	100	250	4.7
Membership organizations	8,500	8,450	8,750	50	- 250	- 3.2
Other services (including legal & professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,000	10,950	10,600	50	400	3.7
GOVERNMENT	125,950	123,500	129,350	2,450	-3,400	- 2.6
Federal	15,950	15,900	16,200	50	- 250	- 1.3
State	32,800	30,850	32,550	1,950	250	0.7
Local	77,200	76,800	80,600	400	-3,400	- 4.4

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

Note: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months comparable.

FEBRUARY 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 800 from January 1980 to February 1980. Manufacturing dropped by 500 during this period, but that was more than counterbalanced by a gain of 1,300 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 500 in manufacturing was primarily in nondurable goods (-450), led by a decline in food and kindred products (-400).

Month-to-month increases occurred in services and government. Services increased by 300, led by gains in amusement (250), and educational services (300).

From January 1980 to February 1980, there were decreases in construction/mining (-250), transportation-communication-utilities (-100), and trade (-1,100). The loss in trade occurred entirely in retail trade, and was primarily in general merchandise stores (-900).

There was no change in employment levels for finance-insurance-real estate.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 11,000 from February 1979 to February 1980. This included a gain of 1,900 for manufacturing of 9,100 for nonmanufacturing.

The gain of 1,900 for manufacturing included a rise of 1,300 for durable goods and an increase of 600 for nondurable goods. The primary increase in durable goods occurred in machinery except electrical (1,150). The major increase in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (500).

Year-to-year, all industries except government showed gains, including construction/mining (1,300), transportation-communication-utilities (1,050), trade (4,400), finance-insurance-real estate (1,250), and services (4,500). The increase of 4,400 in trade included a rise of 1,050 for wholesale trade, and an increase of 3,350 in retail trade - led by a gain of 3,350 in eating and drinking places. Nearly three-fourths of the 4,500 increase in services occurred in two fields: business services (1,400), and health services (1,850).

Government declined by 3,400 from February 1979 to February 1980, led by a drop of 3,400 in local government.

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in April 1980 is projected to show increases in most industries. Substantial increases are anticipated in construction/mining and agriculture, reflecting customary seasonal changes. Service employment is expected to rise, particularly in outdoor-related activities. Small gains are expected in manufacturing, transportation-communication-utilities, and trade. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in finance-insurance-real estate and in government.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

February 1980

			Nonag Job Openings					
				Unfilled				
	Applicants Available 2/ FY to date	Active File	Received 2/ FY to date	Total	30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL 3/	67,708	27,311	26,385	4,967	3,557	2.57	5.50	71.6
0 - 1 Professional, technical and managerial	7,683	5,859	2,308	1,481	1,192	3.33	3.96	80.5
2 Clerical and sales	17,494	6,419	6,279	1,844	1,396	2.79	3.48	75.7
Entry codes 4/	3,757	1,307	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
20-24 Clerical	10,500	3,821	4,920	1,579	1,228	2.13	2.42	77.8
25-29 Sales	3,237	1,291	1,359	265	168	2.38	4.87	63.4
3 Service	10,443	4,208	4,529	568	300	2.31	7.41	52.8
Entry codes 4/	1,769	626	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
30 Domestic	675	256	714	37	34	0.95	6.92	91.9
31-39 Other	7,999	3,326	3,815	531	266	2.10	6.26	50.1
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,880	529	657	28	18	2.86	18.89	64.3
5 Processing	1,805	620	1,670	77	21	1.08	8.05	27.3
6 Machine trades	3,041	1,245	947	145	81	3.21	8.59	55.9
7 Bench work	3,199	1,373	926	137	95	3.45	10.02	69.3
8 Structural work	7,854	3,560	2,972	215	112	2.64	16.56	52.1
9 Miscellaneous	10,209	4,498	6,049	239	109	1.69	2.08	45.6
Entry codes	2,205	903	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
90-91 Motor freight transportation	3,507	1,626	2,341	101	50	1.50	16.10	49.5
92 Packaging, materials handling	4,202	1,847	3,459	87	23	1.21	21.23	26.4
93-97 Other 5/	295	122	249	51	36	1.18	2.39	70.6

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 02-29-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1]

By Occupation

February 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,824	4,314	$8,746/yr	$8,802/yr	2,461	2,518	1,300	1,145
Professional, technical, and managerial	881	804	11,736/yr	11,694/yr	683	654	420	395
Clerical and sales	1,398	1,361	7,657/yr	7,504/yr	759	854	428	337
Service	696	652	3.48/hr	3.38/hr	312	341	149	152
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	111	86	3.86/hr	3.82/hr	56	47	29	14
Processing	421	249	4.29/hr	5.02/hr	72	43	19	19
Machine trades	254	212	4.69/hr	4.82/hr	125	122	56	44
Bench work	211	194	3.67/hr	3.57/hr	108	118	69	48
Structural work	437	385	4.41/hr	4.40/hr	193	176	77	78
Miscellaneous	415	371	3.95/hr	4.32/hr	153	163	53	58

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[1] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

February 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb 1980 [2]	Jan 1980 [3]	Feb 1979 [3]	Feb 1980 [2]	Jan 1980 [3]	Feb 1979 [3]	Feb 1980 [2]	Jan 1980 [3]	Feb 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$285.65	$289.80	$259.97	41.1	41.4	41.2	$6.95	$7.00	$6.31
Durable goods	285.79	286.35	260.62	41.6	41.5	41.9	6.87	6.90	6.22
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	233.78	229.63	207.97	38.2	38.4	38.3	6.12	5.98	5.43
Primary and fabricated metals	285.02	287.65	247.25	40.2	40.4	40.8	7.09	7.12	6.06
Machinery and transportation equipment	310.46	310.86	289.63	43.0	42.7	43.1	7.22	7.28	6.72
Nondurable goods	285.53	295.18	258.32	40.5	41.4	40.3	7.05	7.13	6.41
Food and kindred products	310.49	321.30	275.89	40.8	42.0	40.1	7.61	7.65	6.88
Meat products	344.45	349.44	296.34	41.4	42.0	40.1	8.32	8.32	7.39
Dairy products	194.66	197.81	192.73	35.2	35.9	38.7	5.53	5.51	4.98
Grain mill products	360.70	395.84	327.60	45.2	46.9	46.8	7.98	8.44	7.00
Bakery products	230.52	231.54	218.13	33.9	34.0	33.1	6.80	6.81	6.59
Other food and kindred products	215.25	228.37	201.24	38.3	41.0	36.0	5.62	5.57	5.59
Printing and publishing	248.20	264.80	236.41	38.6	39.7	39.8	6.43	6.67	5.94
Chemicals and allied products	300.83	300.83	255.65	44.9	44.9	41.3	6.70	6.70	6.19

[1] Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Program.
[2] Preliminary.
[3] Revised.

Average weekly earnings decreased by $4.15 from January 1980 to February 1980, and increased year-to-year by $25.68. Durable goods dropped $0.56 month-to-month, and increased by $25.17 from a year ago. Nondurable goods were down from January 1980 to February 1980: $9.65, but were above the year ago level by $27.21.

Average weekly hours were down 0.3 hours in February 1980 from what they had been in January 1980 (41.4), and were slightly lower than in February 1979 (41.2).

Average hourly earnings decreased by $0.05 from January 1980 to February 1980, and increased by $0.64 from February 1979.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

January 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	33	21	45	28	18	38	33	28	38	20	17	24	7	6	6
Durable goods	30	18	44	25	15	38	31	25	35	18	13	22	7	6	6
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	46	31	56	22	13	26	70	69	88	34	25	35	31	40	48
Furniture and fixtures	23	11	39	22	11	39	14	17	31	11	14	23	1	1	0
Primary and fabricated metals	22	11	29	18	9	26	27	22	30	11	11	16	11	5	6
Machinery and transportation equipment	29	16	44	26	14	42	26	17	27	16	10	19	3	2	1
Other durable goods	44	37	59	39	35	54	36	32	41	29	22	32	0	3	1
Nondurable goods	36	25	46	31	22	38	34	31	42	21	22	26	7	5	6
Food and kindred products	38	24	41	32	22	34	34	34	42	23	25	23	6	4	9
Meat products	45	25	36	42	24	43	42	39	47	29	32	24	6	2	13
Dairy products	29	33	41	21	25	38	14	25	27	3	19	21	11	0	0
Grain mill products	15	19	21	13	18	20	17	14	22	10	9	14	3	3	1
Bakery products	36	32	23	29	29	16	43	32	46	29	29	28	1	0	13
Other food and kindred products	42	20	55	22	18	30	35	42	57	25	19	27	9	17	9
Textiles and apparel	36	32	77	33	29	52	82	46	38	41	24	34	33	21	1
Paper and allied products	23	17	42	22	15	40	13	10	26	10	10	20	1	0	3
Printing and publishing	47	32	35	44	28	32	27	28	45	18	23	29	4	0	1
Chemicals and allied products	15	16	53	13	16	23	20	13	27	7	9	19	6	1	0
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	27	22	71	18	16	65	39	31	49	18	13	37	11	13	1

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 21 per 1,000 workers in December 1979 to 33 per 1,000 in January 1980, with durable goods increasing from 18 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also gaining from 25 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 45 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000. This included a decline in durable goods from 44 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and also a drop in nondurable goods from 46 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Separations gained month-to-month: 28 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000, but dropped year-to-year: 38 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

February 1980

	Feb 1980	Jan 1980	Feb 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	$6,188	$10,242	$5,127
Weeks claimed	53,890	58,975	51,965
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$4,678,598	$4,738,133	$3,683,909
Calendar year to date	$9,416,731	$4,738,133	$7,600,678
Average size of weekly payments	$94.06	$92.94	$81.38
First payments	4,325	6,624	3,646
Exhaustions	973	939	787
Individuals who drew benefits	16,629	16,080	14,937
Rate of insured unemployment	2.3	2.1	2.5
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$65,108	$76,426	$73,807
Average size of weekly payments	$77.05	$79.44	$72.57
First payments	51	46	50
Exhaustions	27	27	35
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$36,430	$42,221	$20,559
Average size of weekly payments	$82.80	$86.87	$75.58
First payments	31	41	29
Exhaustions	4	2	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,638	37,623	37,257
Contributions received	$4,209,687	$2,471,023	$3,816,673
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,055,885	$79,210,226	$63,929,667

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 10,242 in January to 6,188 in February 1980. Weeks claimed declined from 58,975 in January to 53,891 in February 1980.

UI benefit payments stayed the same at 4.7 million in both January and February 1980.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 12,262 in January to 13,540 in February 1980. The rate of insured unemployment increased from 2.1 percent in January to 2.2 percent in February 1980. The year-to-date contributions stood at 6.7 million compared to 5.2 million one year ago. The fund balance stood at 79.1 million compared to 63.9 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

February 1980

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	10,059	77.2
Female	2,973	22.8
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	11,996	92.1
All other races	1,036	7.9
AGE:		
Under 22	1,891	14.5
22 - 44	7,887	60.5
45 and over	3,254	25.0
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,916	37.7
5 - 14	7,116	54.6
15 and over	1,000	7.7

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,485	11.4
Clerical and sales	1,390	10.7
Service	669	5.1
Farm and related	297	2.3
Processing	426	3.3
Machine trades	482	3.7
Bench work	536	4.1
Structural work	5,369	41.2
Miscellaneous	2,378	18.2
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	5,080	39.1
Manufacturing	2,767	21.2
Durable goods	1,394	10.7
Nondurable goods	1,373	10.5
Transportation, communication and utilities	527	4.0
Trade	1,726	13.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	229	1.8
Services	1,148	8.8
Government	392	3.0
INA	1,163	8.9

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for February1980 was 13,032.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, FEBRUARY 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	236.4	1.4	14.1	236.5	1.4	14.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	238.6	0.5	7.3	239.0	0.5	7.4
Food	244.9	0.5	7.3	245.2	0.5	7.3
Food at home	241.3	0.3	5.8	241.1	0.4	5.8
Cereals & bakery products	236.8	1.1	11.6	237.4	1.2	11.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	236.2	-0.8	1.7	236.4	-0.5	1.8
Dairy products	219.5	0.5	9.4	219.8	0.4	9.3
Fruits and vegetables	228.3	-0.7	0.8	225.9	-0.6	0.2
Other foods at home	288.0	1.6	10.0	287.3	1.7	9.9
Food away from home	258.3	0.9	10.7	260.1	0.8	11.0
Alcoholic beverages	180.4	0.6	7.6	181.1	0.8	8.0
HOUSING	250.5	1.3	16.2	250.5	1.3	16.3
Shelter	267.2	1.2	18.3	268.3	1.2	18.6
Rent (residential)	185.6	0.8	8.5	185.5	0.9	8.5
Other rental costs	255.7	1.8	13.7	255.6	1.8	13.8
Homeownership	296.3	1.3	20.6	298.4	1.3	21.2
Fuel and other utilities	263.8	2.0	18.1	264.4	2.0	18.3
Fuels	327.1	2.9	26.1	327.0	2.8	26.1
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	539.1	4.9	65.3	540.3	4.9	65.5
Gas (piped) & electricity	278.8	2.1	15.6	278.5	2.0	15.6
Household furnishings & operation	199.0	1.1	7.0	196.8	1.0	6.5
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	171.9	0.5	6.5	171.5	1.0	6.1
Men's & boys' apparel	162.7	-0.1	3.8	162.9	0.3	3.4
Women's & girls' apparel	151.1	-0.3	2.3	151.3	0.9	2.4
Footwear	184.6	0.5	9.3	183.9	0.3	9.6
TRANSPORTATION	239.6	2.6	22.5	240.2	2.6	22.5
Private transportation	239.8	2.7	22.7	240.4	2.7	22.7
Public transportation	229.5	1.2	20.3	223.9	0.9	17.0
MEDICAL CARE	257.9	1.6	10.9	258.7	1.5	11.5
Medical care services	279.0	1.7	11.4	279.8	1.5	12.1
ENTERTAINMENT	197.8	1.3	8.0	196.2	1.2	7.6
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	208.1	0.9	8.4	207.7	0.8	8.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	274.9			275.1		

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ANNOUNCEMENT

OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (OES) PROGRAM

Doctor
Lawyer
Merchant
Chief

We are often asked for Nebraska:

What is the occupational mix within a specific industry?

What is the occupational makeup in the total labor force?

What occupations tend to be impacted by industrial expansion or cutback?

Butcher
Baker
Candle stick Maker

We do not have answers to these questions - - - - - which is the reason we need to add occupational information to our data bank for your occupational planning needs.

Basic occupational employment statistics program information is presented on the reverse side in a question and answer format.

OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

FACT SHEET

Question:	Answer:
Will all firms within an industry be sampled?	*No. From each industry approximately a 10% random sample will be drawn. The exception is that hospitals will be sampled on a 100% basis.*
What is the survey plan?	*This year (1980) a sampling of manufacturing establishments and all hospitals will receive a survey form. A sampling of nonmanufacturing establishments (construction/mining; finance, insurance and real estate; transportation, communication and utilities; and services) are scheduled to receive a survey form in 1981. A sampling of trade establishments will receive a survey form in 1982.*
Will agriculture be included in the sample?	*No. However, agricultural services, as opposed to agriculture per se will be included in the sample.*
When will the questionnaires be mailed to a sampling of manufacturing establishments and hospitals in 1980?	*One-third of the establishments in the sample will receive a questionnaire in May - one-third will receive a questionnaire in June - one-third will receive a questionnaire in July.*
Will survey results be published?	*Yes. Occupational information will be published by industry (no firm identification) as each survey cycle is completed.*
How will the business community benefit?	*Employers who request occupational information tell us that business establishments who have to depend on interests, talents, and skills of workers have a need for occupational information. Educators and trainers use occupational information to assist them to prepare students for occupations that are realistic in terms of labor market demand. Occupational information is a vital tool for personnel management.*
How will the general public benefit?	*Workers preparing for a job or looking for a job need to know about occupations available in the labor force to choose occupations that they can perform, are willing to perform, and can derive satisfaction from performing. Occupational information is basic to effective vocational counseling and career guidance.*
Is this a mandatory program?	*NO. EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. Your reply will be kept in strict confidence.*

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - By Residence)

MARCH 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Mar 1980	Feb 1980	Mar 1979	Feb 1980	Mar 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	772,900	752,950	761,700	19,950	11,200
Employment	746,250	723,200	738,800	23,050	7,450
Unemployment 2/	26,650	29,750	22,900	-3,100	3,750
Unemployment rate	3.4	4.0	3.0	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	282,150	277,850	279,050	4,300	3,100
Employment	270,250	264,800	268,150	5,450	2,100
Unemployment 2/	11,900	13,050	10,900	-1,150	1,000
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.7	3.9	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	113,700	111,600	110,500	2,100	3,200
Employment	110,500	108,050	107,950	2,450	2,550
Unemployment 2/	3,200	3,550	2,550	-350	650
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	2.3	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 240,950 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 41,200, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 3,100 from February 1980 to March 1980, to a new total of 26,650. The March 1980 total was 3,750 more than in March 1979. The unemployment rate moved downward from 4.0 in February 1979 to 3.4 in March 1980, compared to 3.0 in March 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 1,150 from February 1980 to March 1980, and increased by 1,000 from March 1979. The unemployment rate decreased from 4.7 in February 1980 to 4.2 in March 1980, and compared to 3.9 in March 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 350 from February 1980 to March 1980, but gained by 650 from March 1979. The unemployment rate remained the same (3.2) in both February 1980 and March 1980, and compared to 2.3 in March 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 13,000 from March 1980 to April 1980, reaching a new total of 785,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 24,650, while the employment segment is projected as 761,250.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/ 2/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Mar 1980 3/	Feb 1980 4/	Mar 1979 4/	Change From		Percent Change From
				Feb 1980	Mar 1979	Mar 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	623,850	617,800	616,250	6,050	7,600	1.2
MANUFACTURING	98,350	99,000	97,850	-650	500	0.5
Durable goods	52,500	52,400	52,050	100	450	0.9
Construction material	4,900	4,750	5,250	150	-350	-6.8
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,150	2,100	2,450	50	-300	-11.6
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,750	2,650	2,800	100	-50	-2.6
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,700	1,850	50	-100	-7.5
Metals	9,550	9,600	9,500	-50	50	0.8
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,700	0	250	14.7
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,600	7,650	7,800	-50	-200	-2.8
Machinery except electrical	14,150	14,150	13,300	0	850	6.5
Farm machinery & equipment	8,350	8,350	8,050	0	300	3.7
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,700	10,800	10,800	-100	-100	-1.0
Transportation equipment	5,900	5,900	6,050	0	-150	-1.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,100	3,250	0	-150	-5.5
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,550	5,500	5,300	50	250	4.6
Nondurable goods	45,850	46,600	45,800	-750	50	0.1
Food & kindred products	26,750	27,450	26,750	-700	0	-0.1
Meat products	13,850	13,850	13,750	0	100	0.6
Dairy products	1,850	1,850	1,950	0	-100	-6.2
Grain mill	4,350	4,400	4,350	-50	0	0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,700	7,350	6,700	-650	0	0
Textile products & apparel	2,300	2,250	2,350	50	-50	-2.9
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,550	7,600	7,200	-50	350	5.6
Chemicals & allied products	2,550	2,550	2,450	0	100	4.9
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,700	6,750	7,100	-50	-400	-5.6
NONMANUFACTURING	525,500	518,800	518,400	6,700	7,100	1.4
MINING	1,500	1,450	1,550	50	-50	-4.8
CONSTRUCTION	28,800	27,450	28,000	1,350	800	2.9
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,350	8,000	8,600	350	-250	-3.0
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,950	5,500	5,050	450	900	18.6
Construction - special trade contractors	14,500	13,950	14,350	550	150	1.0
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,100	45,700	45,050	400	1,050	2.3
Railroad transportation	14,800	14,600	14,450	200	350	2.2
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,600	14,500	14,600	100	0	0.2
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,700	16,600	16,000	100	700	4.2

TRADE	164,350	162,100	160,400	2,250	3,950	2.5
Wholesale	47,700	47,350	47,100	350	600	1.3
Durable	24,900	24,700	24,400	200	500	2.1
Nondurable	22,800	22,650	22,700	150	100	0.5
Retail	116,650	114,750	113,300	1,900	3,350	2.9
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,750	5,550	5,900	200	-150	-2.8
General merchandise stores	15,550	15,600	15,600	-50	-50	0
Food stores	15,600	15,550	15,300	50	300	2.0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,600	16,550	16,700	50	-100	-0.6
Apparel & accessory stores	6,300	6,250	6,350	50	-50	-0.1
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0	-0.8
Eating & drinking places	41,000	39,500	37,500	1,500	3,500	9.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,650	11,550	11,750	100	-100	-1.0
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,500	3,450	3,500	50	0	-0.3
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,150	8,100	8,250	50	-100	-1.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,650	41,500	40,350	150	1,300	3.3
Banking	10,500	10,500	10,250	0	250	2.2
Insurance	20,150	20,100	19,600	50	550	2.7
Real Estate	4,700	4,650	4,450	50	250	6.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,250	6,050	50	250	4.3
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	116,650	114,900	111,800	1,750	4,850	4.3
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	6,850	6,750	6,700	100	150	2.4
Personal services	6,300	6,200	6,350	100	-50	-1.0
Business services	18,000	17,650	16,500	350	1,500	8.9
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,150	4,100	4,000	50	150	3.2
Amusement & recreation (including motion pictures)	6,200	5,850	5,450	350	750	14.1
Health services	40,850	40,650	38,700	200	2,150	5.6
Educational services	8,500	8,350	8,500	150	0	0.2
Social services	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	100	1.3
Membership organizations	8,600	8,450	8,950	150	-350	-3.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,200	11,000	10,750	200	450	4.0
GOVERNMENT	126,450	125,700	131,250	750	-4,800	-3.6
Federal	16,000	16,000	16,250	0	-250	-1.4
State	33,350	32,800	33,550	550	-200	-0.6
Local	77,100	76,900	81,450	200	-4,350	-5.3

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.

3/ Preliminary estimate. 4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

MARCH 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 6,050 from February 1980 to March 1980. Manufacturing dropped by 650, while nonmanufacturing increased by 6,700.

The decrease of 650 in manufacturing included a small gain of 100 in durable goods and a decrease of 750 in nondurable goods. The primary loss in nondurable goods was in food processing (-700), and followed customary seasonal trends.

Month-to-month increases occurred in trade (2,250), services (1,750), construction/mining (1,400), government (750), transportation-communication-utilities (400), and finance-insurance-real estate (150). The increase of 2,250 in trade included a gain of 350 in wholesale trade, and a rise of 1,900 in retail trade - led by a gain of 1,500 in eating and drinking places. About one-half of the month-to-month increase in services occurred in three fields: business services (350), amusement and recreation (350), and health services (200).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 7,600 from March 1979 to March 1980. This included a gain of 500 in manufacturing, and an increase of 7,100 in nonmanufacturing.

The gain of 500 in manufacturing included an increase of 450 in durable goods and a small rise of 50 in nondurable goods. The primary thrust in durable goods was in machinery except electrical (850).

Year-to-year, increases occurred in construction/mining (750), transportation-communication-utilities (1,050), trade (3,950), and services (4,850). The increase of 3,950 in trade included a rise of 600 in wholesale trade and an increase of 3,350 in retail trade - led by a gain of 3,500 in eating and drinking places. About three-fourths of the increase in services occurred in two categories: business services (1,500), and health services (2,150).

Year-to-year, government employment dropped by 4,800, led by a decline in local government employment of 4,350.

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in May 1980 is projected to show increases in most major industry groups. Construction/mining employment is expected to show some increase, but less than customary for this time of year - primarily as a result of the reduction of new housing starts. Transportation-communication-utilities is anticipated to exhibit a small gain, reflecting customary seasonal trends. Trade is expected to have a moderate growth. Services are expected to have substantial gains, following customary seasonal trends, particularly in amusement and recreation. Government is expected to have a slight increase. Agriculture is expected to increase substantially, following customary seasonal trends. Relatively no change is anticipated in manufacturing and finance-insurance-real estate.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

March 1980

		Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Received FY to date 2/	Total	30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL 3/		75,035	27,750	31,251	5,334	3,768	2.40	5.20	70.6
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	8,461	3,182	2,729	1,562	1,275	3.10	2.04	81.6
2	Clerical and sales	19,567	6,474	7,372	1,919	1,479	2.65	3.37	77.1
	Entry codes 4/	4,257	1,321	—	—	—	—	—	—
	20-24 Clerical	11,717	3,919	5,787	1,638	1,306	2.02	2.39	79.7
	25-29 Sales	3,593	1,234	1,585	281	173	2.27	4.39	61.6
3	Service	11,518	4,210	5,699	691	337	2.02	6.09	48.8
	Entry codes 4/	1,964	658	—	—	—	—	—	—
	30 Domestic	745	280	1,058	41	26	0.70	6.83	63.4
	31-39 Other	8,809	3,272	4,641	650	311	1.90	5.03	47.8
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,078	586	96	43	18	21.65	13.63	41.9
5	Processing	1,959	648	1,844	53	23	1.06	12.23	43.4
6	Machine trades	3,420	1,351	1,101	150	85	3.11	9.01	56.7
7	Bench work	3,550	1,402	1,081	132	73	3.29	10.62	55.3
8	Structural work	8,831	3,733	3,451	269	131	2.56	13.88	48.7
9	Miscellaneous	11,125	4,379	7,171	280	114	1.55	15.64	40.7
	Entry codes 4/	2,374	847	—	—	—	—	—	—
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	3,833	1,597	2,744	140	43	1.40	11.41	30.7
	92 Packaging, materials handling	4,585	1,811	4,117	93	38	1.11	19.47	40.9
	93-97 Other 5/	333	124	310	47	33	1.07	2.64	70.2

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 3-31-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-80.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1]

By Occupation

March 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	5,038	4,824	$8,775/yr	$8,746/yr	2,541	2,461	1,233	1,300
Professional, technical, and managerial	885	881	11,524/yr	11,736/yr	699	683	419	420
Clerical and sales	1,451	1,398	7,565/yr	7,657/yr	759	759	389	428
Service	781	696	3.41/hr	3.48/hr	354	312	145	149
Farming, Fishery, Foresty, and related	150	111	3.71/hr	3.86/hr	58	56	23	29
Processing	271	421	4.95/hr	4.29/hr	42	72	11	19
Machine Trades	257	254	4.63/hr	4.69/hr	137	125	68	56
Bench Work	199	211	3.65/hr	3.67/hr	98	108	44	69
Structural Work	512	437	4.58/hr	4.41/hr	234	193	107	77
Miscellaneous	532	415	4.18/hr	3.95/hr	160	153	27	53

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[1] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

March 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$289.46	$284.61	$255.82	41.0	40.6	40.8	$7.06	$7.01	$6.27
Durable goods	289.67	282.63	259.79	41.8	41.2	41.5	6.93	6.86	6.26
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	243.71	229.50	219.91	38.5	37.5	39.2	6.33	6.12	5.61
Primary and fabricated metals	285.73	282.49	255.40	40.3	39.9	41.8	7.09	7.08	6.11
Machinery and transportation equipment	315.79	306.43	284.85	43.2	42.5	42.2	7.31	7.21	6.75
Nondurable goods	289.20	286.48	251.60	40.0	39.9	40.0	7.23	7.18	6.29
Food and kindred products	319.87	313.50	270.07	40.8	40.4	39.6	7.84	7.76	6.82
Meat products	335.12	341.50	286.55	39.8	40.8	39.2	8.42	8.37	7.31
Dairy products	205.90	194.66	195.22	36.9	35.2	39.2	5.58	5.53	4.98
Grain mill products	410.49	387.35	319.47	46.7	46.5	46.1	8.79	8.33	6.93
Bakery products	232.22	228.81	211.88	34.0	33.5	32.9	6.83	6.83	6.44
Other food and kindred products	236.14	206.46	204.96	41.5	37.0	36.6	5.69	5.58	5.60
Printing and publishing	245.97	248.97	209.08	37.9	38.6	39.9	6.49	6.45	5.24
Chemicals and allied products	303.28	296.81	253.78	43.7	44.7	40.8	6.94	6.64	6.22

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $4.85 from February 1980 to March 1980, with durable goods increasing $7.04, and nondurable goods also gaining by $2.72. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $33.64, including rises of $29.88 in durable goods and of $37.60 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased 0.4 hours from February 1980 to March 1980, and also gained 0.2 hours from March 1979.

Average hourly earnings showed a small gain of $.05 month-to-month, and an increase of $.79 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

February 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Fe b3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	29	32	38	23	27	34	32	34	35	20	21	22	6	7	6
Durable goods	29	30	45	21	25	39	32	32	33	18	19	21	8	7	5
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	65	44	69	32	22	37	57	71	70	26	38	28	25	28	36
Furniture and fixtures	20	23	28	19	22	28	17	14	44	11	11	24	4/	1	14
Primary and fabricated metals	22	22	38	17	18	32	26	27	32	14	11	18	6	11	8
Machinery and transportation equipment	24	29	41	17	25	39	28	26	26	16	17	18	6	3	4/
Other durable goods	42	44	62	37	39	59	43	36	42	30	29	34	5	4/	4/
Nondurable goods	30	35	31	27	29	27	32	38	36	22	24	23	5	7	6
Food and kindred products	31	36	30	27	30	24	32	37	38	21	24	23	6	6	8
Meat products	36	42	30	34	39	26	36	42	46	23	28	28	7	5	11
Dairy products	11	29	17	11	21	17	14	14	19	11	3	8	3	11	6
Grain mill products	19	15	19	15	13	17	22	18	26	14	11	14	5	3	7
Bakery products	31	36	18	27	29	10	26	43	27	14	29	13	6	1	11
Other food and kindred products	38	43	52	25	24	37	41	44	44	26	30	29	6	8	4/
Textiles and apparel	38	36	53	34	33	50	51	82	44	41	41	35	6	33	3
Paper and allied products	12	23	24	12	22	24	24	13	21	19	10	16	4/	1	1
Printing and publishing	35	43	24	33	41	23	36	41	36	26	33	28	1	5	4
Chemicals and allied products	25	15	19	24	13	18	17	20	26	10	7	10	5	6	13
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	21	27	47	18	18	42	25	39	35	17	18	24	4	11	2

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 32 per 1,000 workers in January 1980 to 29 per 1,000 in February 1980. During that period, durable goods dipped slightly: from 30 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, while nondurable goods decreased from 35 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions decreased from 38 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, including a reduction in durable goods from 45 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, and a small drop in nondurable goods from 31 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Separations decreased month-to-month from 34 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000, and also dropped year-to-year from 35 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

March 1980

	Mar 1980	Feb 1980	Mar 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	5,266	6,188	4,014
Weeks claimed	55,127	53,891	45,495
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$4,823,979	$4,678,598	$3,215,229
Calendar year to date	$14,240,710	$9,416,731	$10,815,907
Average size of weekly payments	$93.85	$94.06	$80.82
First payments	3,156	4,325	2,203
Exhaustions	1,324	973	1,129
Individuals who drew benefits	16,745	16,629	13,652
Rate of insured unemployment	2.2	2.3	2.1
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$71,358	$65,108	$68,690
Average size of weekly payments	$74.49	$77.05	$70.38
First payments	41	51	45
Exhaustions	20	27	31
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$33,337	$36,430	$23,094
Average size of weekly payments	$80.14	$82.80	$79.36
First payments	25	31	31
Exhaustions	1	4	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	38,552	38,257	36,786
Contributions received	$105,325	$4,209,687	$446,515
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$74,636,410	$79,055,885	$61,843,962

UI initial claims in area claim centers decreased from 6,188 in February 1980 to 5,266 in March 1980. Weeks claimed increased from 53,891 in February 1980 to 55,127 in March 1980. UI benefit payments increased from 4.7 million in February 1980 to 4.8 million in March 1980.
The number of insured unemployed decreased from 13,540 in February 1980 to 12,910 in March 1980. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.3% in February 1980 to 2.2% in March 1980. The year-to-date contributions stood at 6.8 million in March 1980 compared to 5.7 million in March 1979. The fund balance was 74.6 million in March 1980, compared to 61.8 million in March 1979.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

March 1980

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	9,586	76.0
Female	3,026	24.0
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	11,558	91.6
All other races	1,054	8.4
AGE:		
Under 22	1,762	14.0
22 - 44	7,654	60.7
45 and over	3,196	25.3
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	3,927	31.1
5 - 14	7,044	55.9
15 and over	1,641	13.0

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,434	11.3
Clerical and sales	1,443	11.4
Service	718	5.7
Farm and related	260	2.1
Processing	418	3.3
Machine trades	491	3.9
Bench work	524	4.2
Structural work	5,118	40.6
Miscellaneous	2,206	17.5
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	4,793	36.0
Manufacturing	2,693	22.0
Durable goods	1,313	10.7
Nondurable goods	1,380	11.3
Transportation, communication and utilities	497	4.1
Trade	1,760	14.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	250	2.0
Services	1,150	9.4
Government	349	2.9
Other	1,120	9.2

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for March 1980 was 12,612.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MARCH 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	239.8	1.4	14.7	239.9	1.4	14.6
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	241.0	1.0	7.4	241.2	0.9	7.2
Food	247.3	1.0	7.3	247.5	0.9	7.1
Food at home	243.6	1.0	6.0	243.1	0.8	5.7
Cereals & bakery products	238.6	0.8	11.8	239.3	0.8	11.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	237.8	0.7	0.3	237.1	0.3	0.1
Dairy products	220.3	0.4	9.3	221.1	0.6	9.3
Fruits and vegetables	232.4	1.8	2.9	230.1	1.9	2.1
Other foods at home	292.0	1.4	11.3	290.9	1.3	10.9
Food away from home	260.9	1.0	10.6	262.7	1.0	10.4
Alcoholic beverages	181.7	0.7	7.4	182.8	0.9	7.8
HOUSING	254.6	1.6	17.0	254.4	1.6	17.0
Shelter	271.6	1.6	19.1	272.7	1.6	19.3
Rent (residential)	186.6	0.5	8.9	186.4	0.5	8.9
Other rental costs	258.6	1.1	14.3	258.6	1.2	14.3
Homeownership	302.0	1.9	21.7	304.0	1.9	22.0
Fuel and other utilities	268.0	1.6	18.6	268.7	1.6	18.9
Fuels	333.9	2.1	26.5	333.9	2.1	26.6
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	553.4	2.7	63.0	554.1	2.6	63.0
Gas (piped) & electricity	284.0	1.9	16.4	283.9	1.9	16.5
Household furnishings & operation	201.3	1.2	7.4	199.2	1.2	6.9
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	176.0	2.4	7.1	175.1	2.1	6.6
Men's & boys' apparel	165.6	1.8	4.3	166.0	1.9	4.1
Women's & girls' apparel	155.5	2.9	2.4	154.9	2.4	2.4
Footwear	187.0	1.3	9.0	186.3	1.3	9.3
TRANSPORTATION	243.7	1.7	23.0	244.3	1.7	22.9
Private transportation	244.0	1.8	23.2	244.6	1.7	23.2
Public transportation	232.1	1.1	21.2	226.1	1.0	17.7
MEDICAL CARE	260.2	0.9	11.2	260.9	0.9	11.6
Medical care services	281.5	0.9	11.8	282.2	0.9	12.3
ENTERTAINMENT	200.6	1.4	8.5	199.5	1.7	8.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	208.9	0.4	8.4	208.3	0.3	8.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	278.8			279.0		

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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

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NEBRASKA Work Trends

April 1980

EMPLOYMENT BY STATE 1/

(Nonagricultural payroll data, in thousands)

State	Jan 1979	Dec 1979	Jan 1980 2/	State	Jan 1979	Dec 1979	Jan 1980 2/
Alabama 4/	1,339.8	1,378.2	1,360.8	Montana	268.9	288.7	278.1
Alaska	152.7	157.7	3/	NEBRASKA 4/	604.8	632.3	616.3
Arizona 4/	937.9	1,010.7	997.2	Nevada 4/	359.9	394.7	387.1
Arkansas 4/	722.0	757.8	745.3	New Hampshire	363.2	386.9	3/
California 4/	9,380.4	9,886.9	9,726.2	New Jersey	2,951.4	3,064.5	2,993.9
Colorado 4/	1,171.7	1,254.9	1,237.0	New Mexico 4/	446.2	476.3	469.0
Connecticut	1,366.9	1,431.5	1,402.7	New York 4/	6,992.8	7,271.6	7,087.9
Delaware 4/	247.6	261.8	253.2	North Carolina 4/	2,326.9	2,432.8	2,404.6
District of Columbia 4/	601.5	624.1	611.0	North Dakota	230.6	247.3	240.2
Florida 4/	3,307.9	3,511.2	3,508.6	Ohio	4,393.4	4,534.3	4,415.3
Georgia 4/	2,075.7	2,147.3	2,121.8	Oklahoma 4/	1,047.8	1,122.1	1,105.8
Hawaii	383.5	407.4	405.2	Oregon 4/	1,005.0	1,065.2	1,046.4
Idaho	325.3	339.8	330.7	Pennsylvania 4/	4,695.6	4,882.5	4,789.5
Illinois 4/	4,679.3	4,976.9	4,674.8	Rhode Island 4/	389.5	404.7	391.7
Indiana 4/	2,210.0	2,262.6	2,208.7	South Carolina 4/	1,144.9	1,197.6	1,184.1
Iowa 4/	1,098.6	1,141.8	1,116.4	South Dakota	230.6	239.8	233.6
Kansas 4/	914.2	967.6	944.9	Tennessee 4/	1,731.2	1,810.6	1,775.6
Kentucky 4/	1,211.5	1,262.5	1,236.4	Texas 4/	5,406.6	5,754.9	5,725.2
Louisiana 4/	1,471.7	1,525.8	1,512.1	Utah	530.6	574.3	561.1
Maine 4/	398.1	418.7	406.7	Vermont	191.2	202.7	199.1
Maryland	1,580.8	1,645.8	1,604.0	Virginia	2,052.9	2,128.1	2,098.0
Massachusetts	2,519.5	2,625.6	2,578.6	Washington 4/	1,496.6	1,616.0	1,589.0
Michigan 4/	3,611.3	3,626.3	3,507.8	West Virginia 4/	626.6	659.7	633.6
Minnesota	1,683.0	1,790.1	3/	Wisconsin 4/	1,872.4	2,011.7	1,952.3
Mississippi 4/	818.4	850.3	835.9	Wyoming	185.8	212.5	209.0
Missouri 4/	1,941.6	2,014.0	1,963.5				

1/ Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, April 1980.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Information not available.

4/ Revised series; not strictly comparable with previously published data.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

April 1980

	Preliminary April 1980	Revised Mar 1980	Revised Apr 1979	Change From: Mar 1980	Change From: Apr 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	788,300	773,000	774,400	15,300	13,900
Employment	761,800	746,300	754,800	15,500	7,000
Unemployment	26,500	26,700	19,600	- 200	6,900
Unemployment rate 2/	3.4	3.5	2.5	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	284,200	282,250	279,100	1,950	5,100
Employment	271,900	270,300	269,050	1,600	2,850
Unemployment	12,300	11,950	10,050	350	2,250
Unemployment rate 2/	4.3	4.2	3.6	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	113,700	114,000	110,200	- 300	3,500
Employment	110,650	110,750	107,650	- 100	3,000
Unemployment	3,050	3,250	2,550	- 200	500
Unemployment rate 2/	2.7	2.9	2.3	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 243,400 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,800, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment showed a very small drop of 200 from March 1980 to April 1980, reaching a new total of 26,500. The April 1980 total was 6,900 more than in April 1979. The unemployment rate edged downward slightly from a 3.5 percent in March 1980 to 3.4 percent in April 1980, and compared to 2.5 percent in April 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 350 from March 1980 to April 1980, and were 2,250 more than in April 1979. The unemployment rate edged upward from 4.2 percent in March 1980 to 4.3 percent in April 1980, and compared to 3.6 percent in April 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 200 from March 1980 to April 1980, but increased by 500 from April 1979. The unemployment rate also dipped from 2.9 percent in March 1980 to 2.7 percent in April 1980, and compared to 2.3 percent in April 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 13,600 from April 1980 to May 1980, reaching a new total of 801,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 27,500, while the employment segment is projected as 774,400.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Apr 1980 3/	Mar 1980 4/	Apr 1979 4/	Change From		Percent Change From
				Mar 1980	Apr 1979	Apr 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	628,450	623,900	622,550	4,550	5,900	1.0
MANUFACTURING	97,250	98,350	98,650	-1,100	-1,400	-1.4
Durable goods	51,700	52,550	52,650	- 850	- 950	-1.8
Construction material	4,900	4,900	5,400	0	- 500	-9.5
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,200	2,400	- 100	- 300	-11.6
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,800	2,700	3,000	100	- 200	-7.7
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,750	1,850	- 50	- 150	-5.2
Metals	9,500	9,550	9,550	- 50	- 50	-1.0
Primary metal industries	2,000	1,950	1,700	50	300	15.9
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,500	7,600	7,850	- 100	- 350	-4.7
Machinery except electrical	13,800	14,150	13,500	- 350	300	2.2
Farm machinery & equipment	8,150	8,350	8,150	- 200	0	0.1
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,600	10,750	10,900	- 150	- 300	-3.0
Transportation equipment	5,700	5,900	6,150	- 200	- 450	-7.1
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,950	3,100	3,300	- 150	- 350	-11.5
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,500	5,550	5,300	- 50	200	3.7
Nondurable goods	45,550	45,800	46,000	- 250	- 450	-1.0
Food & kindred products	26,600	26,700	27,000	- 100	- 400	-1.6
Meat products	13,700	13,850	13,950	- 150	- 250	-1.9
Dairy products	1,800	1,800	1,950	0	- 150	-6.9
Grain mill	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0	-0.3
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,700	6,650	6,700	50	0	-0.1
Textile products & apparel	2,300	2,300	2,350	0	- 50	-2.0
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,600	7,600	7,150	0	450	6.3
Chemicals & allied products	2,600	2,550	2,500	50	100	5.4
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,450	6,650	7,000	- 200	- 550	-8.1
NONMANUFACTURING	531,200	525,550	523,900	5,650	7,300	1.4
MINING	1,650	1,550	1,650	100	0	-1.9
CONSTRUCTION	31,350	28,650	32,400	2,700	-1,050	3.2
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,900	8,300	9,500	600	- 600	-6.5
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	7,550	5,850	7,450	1,700	100	1.3
Construction - special trade contractors	14,900	14,500	15,450	400	- 550	-3.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,450	45,900	45,500	550	950	2.1
Railroad transportation	14,950	14,650	14,650	300	300	1.9
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,850	14,650	14,750	200	100	0.6
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,650	16,600	16,100	50	550	3.6

TRADE	166,100	164,200	163,100	1,900	3,000	1.9
Wholesale	48,250	47,700	47,750	550	500	1.0
Durable	25,100	24,900	25,000	200	100	0.5
Nondurable	23,150	22,800	22,750	350	400	1.6
Retail	117,850	116,500	115,350	1,350	2,500	2.2
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,950	5,750	6,100	200	- 150	-2.7
General merchandise stores	15,600	15,500	15,700	100	- 100	-0.8
Food stores	15,550	15,600	15,250	- 50	300	2.0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,750	16,550	16,900	200	- 150	-0.8
Apparel & accessory stores	6,400	6,300	6,450	100	- 50	-0.6
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,150	4,200	4,200	- 50	- 50	-0.9
Eating & drinking places	41,750	41,000	38,900	750	2,850	7.4
Miscellaneous retail	11,700	11,600	11,850	100	- 150	-1.1
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,450	3,450	3,500	0	- 50	-1.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,250	8,150	8,350	100	- 100	-0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	42,050	41,650	40,500	400	1,550	3.8
Banking	10,550	10,450	10,250	100	300	2.7
Insurance	20,250	20,150	19.600	100	650	3.3
Real estate	4,900	4,750	4,550	150	350	8.0
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,350	6,350	6,100	50	250	4.4
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	118,500	116,650	113,200	1,850	5,300	4.7
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,050	6,800	7,000	250	50	0.3
Personal services	6,300	6,250	6,300	50	0	0.1
Business services	17,850	18,000	16,200	- 150	1,650	10.5
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,150	4,150	4,000	0	150	4.1
Amusement & recreation	7,250	6,150	6,450	1,100	800	12.3
Health services	41,100	40,850	38,800	250	2,300	5.9
Educational services	8,500	8,500	8,450	0	50	0.2
Social services	5,950	6,000	5,900	- 50	50	1.1
Membership organizations	8,550	8,600	9,000	- 50	- 450	-4.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,800	11,350	11,100	450	700	6.2
GOVERNMENT	125,100	126,950	127,550	-1,850	-2,450	-1.9
Federal	16,200	16,300	16,150	- 100	50	0.5
State	32,000	33,350	31,350	-1,350	650	2.1
Local	76,900	77,300	80,050	- 400	-3,150	-3.9

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months comparable.

APRIL 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 4,550 from March 1980 to April 1980. Manufacturing dropped by 1,100, while nonmanufacturing more than counterbalanced this with a gain of 5,650.

The decrease of 1,100 in manufacturing included a decrease of 850 in durable goods and a dip of 250 in nondurable goods. The decline in durable goods occurred in nearly all categories, led by a drop of 350 in machinery except electrical and a reduction of 200 in transportation equipment.

Month-to-month increases occurred in construction/mining (2,800), trade (1,900), services (1,850), transportation-communication-utilities (550), and finance-insurance-real estate (400). The increase of 1,900 in trade included a gain of 550 in wholesale and a gain of 1,350 in retail trade (led by a rise of 750 in eating and drinking places). The chief gain in services was in amusement and recreation (1,100).

From March 1980 to April 1980, employment dropped in government by 1,850, with 1,350 of that reduction occurring in state government. The majority of the drop in state government occurred in educational services, reflecting fluctuating turnover in part-time employees.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 5,900 from April 1979 to April 1980. This included a reduction of 1,400 in manufacturing more than counterbalanced by a rise of 7,300 in nonmanufacturing.

The decline of 1,400 in manufacturing included a drop of 950 in durable goods and a dip of 450 in nondurable goods. The largest losses in durable goods were in construction material (-500), and transportation equipment (-450). The major reduction in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (-400).

Year-to-year gains were registered in services (5,300), trade (3,000), finance-insurance-real estate (1,550), and transportation-communication-utilities (950). The increase of 3,000 in trade included a rise of 500 in wholesale and a gain of 2,500 in retail (paced by a gain of 2,850 in eating and drinking places). The chief gainers in services were health services (2,300) and business services (1,650).

Year-to-year losses occurred in government (2,450, led by a drop of 3,150 in local government), and construction/mining (-1,050).

OUTLOOK. . . . .

Employment activity in June 1980 is projected to show a moderate seasonal increase in construction/mining, but with less of a rise than experienced in June 1979. Trade is anticipated to have a slight increase, and services are expected to have a moderate growth. Agriculture is expected to demonstrate a substantial increase, following customary seasonal trends. It is anticipated that employment levels will remain relatively unchanged in manufacturing, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate, and government.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

April 1980

		Applicants Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of Total
				Received FY to date [2]	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more			
TOTAL [3]		75,035	27,750	36,978	5,265	3,767	2.03	5.27	71.5
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	9,304	3,290	3,116	1,580	1,308	2.99	2.08	82.8
2	Clerical and sales	21,842	6,880	9,210	1,855	1,400	2.37	3.71	75.5
	Entry codes [4]	4,844	1,443	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	13,004	4,119	7,357	1,566	1,217	1.77	2.63	77.7
	25-29 Sales	3,994	1,318	1,853	289	183	2.16	4.56	63.3
3	Service	12,666	4,479	6,748	721	396	1.88	6.21	54.9
	Entry codes [4]	2,170	712	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	829	305	1,304	48	21	0.64	6.35	43.8
	31-39 Other	9,667	3,462	5,444	673	375	1.78	5.14	55.7
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,360	666	884	48	9	2.67	13.88	18.8
5	Processing	2,182	688	2,088	40	19	1.05	17.20	47.5
6	Machine trades	3,842	1,474	1,301	151	76	2.95	9.76	50.3
7	Bench work	3,932	1,458	1,207	120	68	3,26	12.15	56.7
8	Structural work	10,005	3,930	4,018	273	123	2.49	14.40	45.1
9	Miscellaneous	12,196	4,509	8,347	242	135	1.46	18.63	55.8
	Entry codes [4]	2,606	898	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight, transportation	4,194	1,567	3,134	119	69	1.34	13.17	58.0
	92 Packaging, materials handling	5,024	1,903	4,867	80	30	1.03	23.79	37.5
	93-97 Other [5]	372	141	346	43	36	1.08	3.28	83.7

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[1] Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

[2] Period covered: 10-1-79 through 4-30-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.

[3] Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

[4] Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

[5] Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]
BY OCCUPATION

April 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	Number		Average Pay		Total		Unfilled 30 Days or More	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	5,140	5,038	$ 8,960/yr	$ 8,775/yr	2,512	2,541	1,359	1,233
Professional, technical, and managerial	892	885	11,429/yr	11,524/yr	650	699	433	419
Clerical and Sales	1,378	1,451	7,633/yr	7,565/yr	755	759	402	389
Service	817	781	3.52/hr	3.41/hr	402	354	216	145
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	170	150	3.75/hr	3.71/hr	64	58	29	23
Processing	266	271	5.08/hr	4.95/hr	42	42	26	11
Machine Trades	311	257	5.11/hr	4.63/hr	141	137	62	68
Bench Work	185	199	3.64/hr	3.65/hr	77	98	32	44
Structural work	610	512	4.46/hr	4.58/hr	245	234	93	107
Miscellaneous	511	532	4.47/hr	4.18/hr	136	160	66	27

[1/] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

April 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr 1980 2/	Mar 1980 3/	Apr 1979 3/	Apr 1980 2/	Mar 1980 3/	Apr 1979 3/	Apr 1980 2/	Mar 1980 3/	Apr 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$292.09	$287.25	$255.84	40.4	40.7	40.1	$7.23	$7.07	$6.38
Durable goods	289.68	285.66	255.78	40.8	41.4	40.6	7.10	6.90	6.30
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	248.80	239.27	234.02	40.0	38.1	41.2	6.22	6.28	5.68
Primary and fabricated metals	288.15	284.62	261.99	40.3	40.2	41.0	7.15	7.08	6.39
Machinery and transportation equipment	317.41	310.13	276.97	41.6	42.6	41.4	7.63	7.28	6.69
Nondurable goods	294.46	288.95	255.57	39.9	39.8	39.5	7.38	7.26	6.47
Food and kindred products	324.79	318.75	276.11	40.7	40.5	39.9	7.98	7.87	6.92
Meat products	394.66	334.72	292.59	40.8	39.8	39.7	8.57	8.41	7.37
Dairy products	208.05	205.90	195.32	36.5	36.9	38.0	5.70	5.58	5.14
Grain mill products	409.91	412.30	319.95	46.9	47.5	45.0	8.74	8.68	7.11
Bakery products	227.14	228.49	224.78	33.7	33.9	33.7	6.74	6.74	6.67
Other food and kindred products	216.71	221.76	215.08	37.3	38.3	37.8	5.81	5.79	5.69
Printing and publishing	250.80	246.24	232.80	38.0	38.0	38.8	6.60	6.48	6.00
Chemicals and allied products	308.26	305.32	262.79	45.2	44.9	41.7	6.82	6.80	6.29

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $4.84 from March 1980 to April 1980. This included a gain of $4.02 in durable goods and a rise of $5.51 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased $36.25, including a rise of $33.90 in durable goods and a gain of $38.89 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours dropped by 0.3 hours from March 1980 to April 1980, but gained 0.3 hours from April 1979. Average hourly earnings gained $.16 month-to-month, and also gained $.85 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

March 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/	Mar 1980 2/	Feb 1980 3/	Mar 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	29	29	44	25	23	39	36	32	40	20	20	28	8	6	5
Durable goods	30	29	51	25	21	46	35	32	39	19	18	28	8	8	3
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	41	65	7[illegible]	33	32	60	38	57	51	18	26	44	15	25	2
Furniture and fixtures	38	20	52	37	19	38	13	17	34	5	11	29	1	4/	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	39	22	52	3	17	46	36	26	40	17	14	24	12	6	7
Machinery and transportation equipment	20	24	46	16	17	43	32	28	35	16	16	25	8	6	2
Other durable goods	55	42	52	48	38	47	53	44	44	41	30	30	1	5	4/
Nondurable goods	28	30	36	25	27	30	36	32	43	21	22	28	7	5	8
Food and kindred products	25	31	39	22	27	30	37	32	47	20	21	26	7	6	13
Meat products	25	36	44	23	34	33	36	36	48	19	23	26	6	7	13
Dairy products	3	11	25	3	11	23	25	14	25	16	11	18	4/	3	4/
Grain mill products	37	19	21	29	15	18	31	22	32	21	14	16	4/	5	10
Bakery products	37	31	41	29	27	32	31	26	40	21	14	30	4/	6	2
Other food and kindred products	38	38	53	29	25	40	50	41	71	30	26	41	13	6	25
Textiles and apparel	75	38	56	66	34	53	51	51	54	43	41	48	4	6	1
Paper and allied products	23	12	14	22	12	11	17	24	21	12	19	17	1	4/	4/
Printing and publishing	31	35	28	29	33	26	31	36	40	23	26	35	4/	1	1
Chemicals and allied products	29	25	29	28	24	28	20	17	21	7	10	12	8	5	6
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	19	21	35	14	18	32	54	25	42	23	17	29	23	4	5

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing in March 1980 remained the same as in February 1980: 29 per 1,000 workers. During that period, durable goods increased from 29 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, while nondurable goods dipped from 30 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 44 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000. This included a reduction in durable goods from 51 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and also a decrease in nondurable goods from 36 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. Separations increased from 32 per 1,000 in February 1980 to 36 per 1,000 in March 1980, and compared to 40 per 1,000 in March 1979. The month-to-month increase in separations occurred entirely in layoffs, as quits showed no change.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

APRIL 1980

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	Apr 1980	Mar 1980	Apr 1979
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	6,495	5,266	3,582
Weeks claimed	48,414	55,127	32,466
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 3,801,591	$ 4,823,979	$ 2,086.760
Calendar year to date	$18,235,668	$14,240,710	$12,902,662
Average size of weekly payments	$ 92.17	$ 93.85	$ 79.31
First payments	3,076	3,156	1,580
Exhaustions	1,321	1,324	952
Individuals who drew benefits	14,846	16,745	9,790
Rate of insured unemployment	1.8	2.2	1.4
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 58,515	$ 71,358	$ 60,799
Average size of weekly payments	$ 73.05	$ 94.14	$ 69.56
First payments	39	41	38
Exhaustions	20	20	37
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMENT (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 30,481	$ 33,337	17,274
Average size of weekly payments	$ 82.16	$ 80.14	$ 77.46
First payments	27	25	20
Exhaustions	1	1	0
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	38,568	38,552	36,883
Contributions received	4,911,008	$ 105,325	$ 3,350,629
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$77,238,867	$74,636,410	$63,410,963

UI initial claims in area claims centers increased from 5,266 in March to 6,495 in April 1980. Weeks claimed decreased from 55,127 in March to 48,414 in April 1980.

UI benefit payments decreased from 4.8 million in March to 3.8 million in April 1980.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 12,910 in March to 10,783 in April 1980. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.2% in March to 1.8% in April 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 11.7 million compared to 9.0 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 77.2 million compared to 63.4 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

April 1980

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
Male	7,577	71.6
Female	3,010	28.4
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	9,502	89.8
All other races	1,085	10.2
AGE:		
Under 22	1,412	13.3
22 - 44	6,618	62.5
45 and over	2,557	24.2
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,106	38.8
5 - 14	4,434	41.9
15 and over	2,047	19.3

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,276	12.0
Clerical and sales	1,416	13.4
Service	677	6.4
Farm and related	167	1.6
Processing	504	4.8
Machine trades	515	4.9
Bench work	599	5.6
Structural work	3,692	34.9
Miscellaneous	1,741	16.4
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	3,290	31.1
Manufacturing	2,787	26.3
Durable goods	1,361	12.9
Nondurable goods	1,426	13.4
Transportation, communications and utilities	419	4.0
Trade	1,625	15.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	234	2.2
Services	1,110	10.5
Government	292	2.8
Other	830	7.8

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for April 1980 was 10,587.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, APRIL 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	242.5	1.1	14.7	242.6	1.1	14.5
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	242.8	0.7	7.3	243.2	0.8	7.3
Food	249.1	0.7	7.2	249.5	0.8	7.2
Food at home	245.3	0.7	5.9	245.0	0.8	5.9
Cereals & bakery products	242.0	1.4	12.8	242.2	1.2	12.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	235.1	-1.1	-2.0	234.3	-1.2	-2.1
Dairy products	222.4	1.0	9.9	223.1	0.9	9.9
Fruits and vegetables	240.9	3.7	6.4	239.8	4.2	6.8
Other foods at home	295.1	1.1	11.8	294.6	1.3	11.7
Food away from home	263.0	0.8	10.3	265.3	1.0	10.4
Alcoholic beverages	183.9	1.2	8.0	185.0	1.2	8.4
HOUSING	257.9	1.3	17.3	257.8	1.3	17.3
Shelter	276.0	1.6	19.6	277.2	1.7	19.9
Rent (residential)	187.0	0.2	8.7	186.9	0.3	8.7
Other rental costs	260.7	0.8	14.2	260.5	0.7	14.3
Homeownership	307.7	1.9	22.2	310.0	2.0	22.7
Fuel and other utilities	270.5	0.9	18.9	271.0	0.9	19.0
Fuels	337.8	1.2	26.6	337.6	1.1	26.6
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	556.4	0.5	59.1	557.1	0.5	59.0
Gas (piped) & electricity	288.0	1.4	17.4	287.6	1.3	17.3
Household furnishings & operation	203.0	0.8	7.6	200.7	0.8	7.2
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	177.3	0.7	7.2	176.1	0.6	6.5
Men's & boys' apparel	166.9	0.8	4.6	167.3	0.8	4.5
Women's & girls' apparel	155.9	0.3	2.2	154.7	-0.1	1.7
Footwear	188.3	0.7	8.1	188.1	1.0	8.0
TRANSPORTATION	246.8	1.3	21.6	247.7	1.4	21.6
Private transportation	247.0	1.2	21.6	248.0	1.4	21.7
Public transportation	235.9	1.6	22.5	229.7	1.6	18.6
MEDICAL CARE	262.0	0.7	11.4	263.1	0.8	11.9
Medical care services	283.4	0.7	12.0	284.5	0.8	12.5
ENTERTAINMENT	202.5	0.9	8.6	201.3	0.9	8.5
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	209.8	0.4	8.6	209.2	0.4	8.3
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	282.0			282.2		

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NEBRASKA Work Trends

U.S. EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 1950-79 [1]

(Nonagricultural payroll data, in thousands)

May 1980

Year	Total	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government		
											Total	Federal	State and local
1950	45,197	901	2,364	15,241	4,034	9,386	2,635	6,751	1,888	5,357	6,026	1,928	4,098
1951	47,819	929	2,637	16,393	4,226	9,742	2,727	7,015	1,956	5,547	6,389	2,302	4,087
1952	48,793	898	2,668	16,632	4,248	10,004	2,812	7,192	2,035	5,699	6,609	2,420	4,188
1953	50,202	866	2,659	17,549	4,290	10,247	2,854	7,393	2,111	5,835	6,645	2,305	4,340
1954	48,990	791	2,646	16,314	4,084	10,235	2,867	7,368	2,200	5,969	6,751	2,188	4,563
1955	50,641	792	2,839	16,882	4,141	10,535	2,926	7,610	2,298	6,240	6,914	2,187	4,727
1956	52,369	822	3,039	17,243	4,244	10,858	3,018	7,840	2,389	6,497	7,278	2,209	5,069
1957	52,853	828	2,962	17,174	4,241	10,886	3,028	7,858	2,438	6,708	7,616	2,217	5,399
1958	51,324	751	2,817	15,945	3,976	10,750	2,980	7,770	2,481	6,765	7,839	2,191	5,648
1959 [2]	53,268	732	3,004	16,675	4,011	11,127	3,082	8,045	2,549	7,087	8,083	2,233	5,850
1960	54,189	712	2,926	16,796	4,004	11,391	3,143	8,248	2,629	7,378	8,353	2,270	6,083
1961	53,999	672	2,859	16,326	3,903	11,337	3,133	8,204	2,688	7,620	8,594	2,279	6,315
1962	55,549	650	2,948	16,853	3,906	11,566	3,198	8,368	2,754	7,982	8,890	2,340	6,550
1963	56,653	635	3,010	16,995	3,903	11,778	3,248	8,530	2,830	8,277	9,225	2,358	6,868
1964	58,283	634	3,097	17,274	3,951	12,160	3,337	8,823	2,911	8,660	9,596	2,348	7,248
1965	60,765	632	3,232	18,062	4,036	12,716	3,466	9,250	2,977	9,036	10,074	2,378	7,696
1966	63,901	627	3,317	19,214	4,158	13,245	3,597	9,648	3,058	9,498	10,784	2,564	8,220
1967	65,803	613	3,248	19,447	4,268	13,606	3,689	9,917	3,185	10,045	11,391	2,719	8,672
1968	67,897	606	3,350	19,781	4,318	14,099	3,779	10,320	3,337	10,567	11,839	2,737	9,102
1969	70,384	619	3,575	20,167	4,442	14,705	3,907	10,798	3,512	11,169	12,195	2,758	9,437
1970	70,880	623	3,588	19,367	4,515	15,040	3,993	11,047	3,645	11,548	12,554	2,731	9,823
1971	71,214	609	3,704	18,623	4,476	15,352	4,001	11,351	3,772	11,797	12,881	2,696	10,185
1972	73,675	628	3,889	19,151	4,541	15,949	4,113	11,836	3,908	12,276	13,334	2,684	10,649
1973	76,790	642	4,097	20,154	4,656	16,607	4,277	12,329	4,046	12,857	13,732	2,663	11,068
1974	78,265	697	4,020	20,077	4,725	16,987	4,433	12,554	4,148	13,441	14,170	2,724	11,446
1975	76.945	752	3,525	18,323	4,542	17,060	4,415	12,645	4,165	13,892	14,686	2,748	11,937
1976	79,382	779	3,576	18,997	4,582	17,755	4,546	13,209	4,271	14,551	14,871	2,733	12,138
1977	82,423	813	3,851	19,682	4,713	18,516	4,708	13,808	4,467	15,303	15,079	2,727	12,352
1978	86,446	851	4,271	20,476	4,927	19,499	4,957	14,542	4,727	16,220	15,476	2,753	12,723
1979	89,482	957	4,644	20,972	5,154	20,137	5,170	14,966	4,963	17,043	15,612	2,773	12,839

[1] Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, May 1980.

[2] Data includes Alaska and Hawaii beginning with 1959.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

May 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	April 1980	May 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	803,000	788,750	792,900	14,250	10,100
Employment	775,300	762,250	772,900	13,050	2,400
Unemployment	27,700	26,500	20,000	1,200	7,700
Unemployment rate 2/	3.5	3.4	xxx	2.5	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	285,800	283,950	285,150	1,850	650
Employment	273,150	271,650	274,750	1,500	- 1,600
Unemployment	12,650	12,300	10,400	350	2,250
Unemployment rate 2/	4.4	4.3	3.6	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	115,600	113,900	112,350	1,700	3,250
Employment	111,700	110,800	109,800	900	1,900
Unemployment	3,900	3,100	2,550	800	1,350
Unemployment rate 2/	3.4	2.7	2.3	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 244,800 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 41,000 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment showed a rise of 1,200 from April 1980 to May 1980, reaching a new total of 27,700. The May 1980 total was 7,700 more than in May 1979. The unemployment rate increased from a 3.4 percent in April 1980 to 3.5 percent in May 1980, and compared to 2.5 percent in May 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 350 from April 1980 to May 1980, and were 2,250 more than in May 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 4.3 percent in April 1980 to 4.4 percent in May 1980, and compared to 3.6 percent in May 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 800 from April 1980 to May 1980, and increased by 1,350 from May 1979. The unemployment rate rose from 2.7 percent in April 1980 to 3.4 percent in May 1980, and compared to 2.3 percent in May 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 8,750 from May 1980 to June 1980, reaching a new total of 811,750. The unemployment segment is projected as 30,000, while the employment segment is projected as 781,750.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1/] [2/]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	May 1980 3/	April 1980 4/	May 1979 4/	Change From Apr 1980	Change From May 1979	Percent Change From May 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	636,300	628,400	632,750	7,900	3,550	0.6
MANUFACTURING	96,050	97,100	98,550	-1,050	-2,500	-2.6
Durable goods	50,650	51,650	53,050	-1,000	-2,400	-4.5
Construction material	4,950	4,900	5,550	50	- 600	-10.9
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,100	2,400	0	- 300	-11.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,850	2,800	3,150	50	- 300	-10.2
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,700	1,900	- 50	- 250	-13.5
Metals	9,350	9,450	9,750	-100	- 400	- 3.9
Primary metal industries	1,950	2,000	1,800	- 50	150	8.7
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,400	7,500	7,950	-100	- 550	- 6.8
Machinery except electrical	13,400	13,800	13,650	-400	- 250	- 2.1
Farm machinery & equipment	7,800	8,150	8,200	-350	- 400	- 4.6
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,350	10,600	10,900	-250	- 550	- 5.3
Transportation equipment	5,450	5,650	5,950	-200	- 500	- 8.4
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,800	2,950	3,300	-150	- 500	-14.2
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,550	5,550	5,350	0	200	4.3
Nondurable goods	45,350	45,400	45,500	- 50	- 150	- 0.3
Food & kindred products	26,800	26,500	26,550	300	250	1.0
Meat products	13,650	13,600	13,350	50	300	2.5
Dairy products	1,850	1,850	2,000	0	- 150	- 8.9
Grain mill	4,550	4,400	4,550	150	0	0.1
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,750	6,700	6,650	50	100	1.6
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,300	2,300	- 50	- 50	- 2.8
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,500	7,550	7,200	- 50	300	4.4
Chemicals & allied products	2,650	2,600	2,500	50	150	6.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,150	6,450	6,950	-300	-800	-11.5
NONMANUFACTURING	540,250	531,300	534,200	8,950	6,050	1.1
MINING	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	- 100	- 5.1
CONSTRUCTION	33,150	31,200	35,000	1,950	-1 850	- 5.3
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	9,050	9,000	10,100	50	-1,050	-10.5
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	8,900	7,350	8,700	1,550	200	2.4
Construction - special trade contractors	15,150	14,800	16,200	350	-1,050	-6.2
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,050	46,500	46,350	550	700	1.6
Railroad transportation	15,550	15,100	15,300	450	250	1.8
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,850	14,900	14,850	- 50	0	- 0.1
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,650	16,500	16,200	150	450	2.9

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/ 2/
Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	May 1980 3/	April 1980 4/	May 1979 4/	Change From Apr 1980	Change From May 1979	Percent Change From May 1979
TRADE	166,150	165,000	165,400	1,150	750	0.4
Wholesale	48,200	48,250	47,650	- 50	550	1.2
Durable	24,950	25,100	24,850	-150	100	0.3
Nondurable	23,250	23,100	22,800	150	450	2.0
Retail	117,950	116,750	117,750	1,200	200	0.2
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,950	5,950	6,300	0	-350	-5.6
General merchandise stores	15,950	15,600	16,250	350	-300	-1.6
Food stores	15,600	15,550	15,250	50	350	2.5
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,450	16,450	17,100	0	-650	-3.7
Apparel & accessory stores	5,900	6,050	6,350	-150	-450	-7.3
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,150	4,150	4,200	0	- 50	-1.0
Eating & drinking places	42,150	41,250	40,450	900	1,700	4.2
Miscellaneous retail	11,750	11,700	11,850	50	-100	-1.0
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,450	3,450	3,450	0	0	-0.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,300	8,250	8,400	50	-100	-1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	42,450	41,900	40,650	550	1,800	4.4
Banking	10,600	10,550	10,300	50	300	2.8
Insurance	20,450	20,200	19,700	250	750	3.7
Real estate	5,100	4,800	4,600	300	500	11.1
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,350	6,350	6,050	0	300	4.3
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	120,500	118,200	115,250	2,300	5,250	4.6
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,000	6,900	7,350	100	-350	-4.5
Personal services	6,300	6,300	6,050	0	250	3.9
Business services	17,500	17,750	17,050	-250	450	2.5
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,050	4,150	4,000	-100	50	2.1
Amusement & recreation	7,850	7,250	6,400	600	1,450	22.7
Health services	41,250	41,100	39,050	150	2,200	5.7
Educational services	8,550	8,450	8,350	100	200	2.3
Social services	6,000	5,950	5,850	50	150	2.8
Membership organizations	9,550	8,550	9,800	1,000	-250	-2.7
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,400	11,800	11,350	600	1,050	9.6
GOVERNMENT	129,350	126,900	129,850	2,450	-500	-0.4
Federal	17,950	17,900	16,250	50	1,700	10.5
State	33,300	32,000	33,050	1,300	250	0.7
Local	78,100	77,000	80,550	1,100	-2,450	-3.0

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate. 4/ Revised.
NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

MAY 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 7,900 from April 1980 to May 1980. During that period, manufacturing dropped by 1,050, but at the same time nonmanufacturing employment rose by 8,950.

The decrease of 1,050 in manufacturing was almost entirely in durable goods (-1,000). Approximately two-thirds of that loss occurred in two categories: machinery except electrical and electrical-electronic machinery, equipment and supplies. Employment in the field of machinery except electrical dropped by 400 month-to-month, with most of that in farm machinery and equipment (-350). Nondurable goods had only a very slight dip of 50 from April 1980 to May 1980.

All other industries showed month-to-month gains, primarily seasonal in nature. These increases included government (2,450), services (2,300), construction/mining (1,950), trade (1,150), finance-insurance-real estate (550), and transportation-communication-utilities. Employment increases in government primarily reflected the customary seasonal increase in outdoor-related activities and in summer school hiring. The largest gains in services were in amusement and recreation (600), and in membership organizations (1,000). The increase in trade was entirely in retail (1,200), while wholesale actually experienced a very small drop (-50). The major gain in retail was in eating and drinking places (900).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 3,550 from May 1979 to May 1980. This included a reduction in manufacturing employment of 2,500, along with a gain of 6,050 in nonmanufacturing employment.

The drop of 2,500 in manufacturing included a decline of 2,400 in durable goods, with the remainder of the decrease in nondurable goods. Over two-thirds of the drop in durable goods occurred in three categories: construction material (-600), electrical-electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-550), and transportation equipment (-500).

Year-to-year increases were registered in services (5,250), finance-insurance-real estate (1,800), trade (750), and transportation-communication-real estate (700). Over two-thirds of the increase in services occurred in amusement and recreation (1,450), and health services (2,200). The gain in trade of 750 was divided between a rise of 550 in wholesale trade and a gain of 200 in retail trade.

From May 1979 to May 1980, losses were registered by construction/mining (-1,950), and government (-500).

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in July 1980 is projected to show a moderate rise in construction/mining and a small gain in transportation-communication-utilities, both reflecting customary seasonal changes. Agricultural activity in Nebraska normally reaches its peak tempo in July, and farm employment should show a substantial increase. A small decrease is expected in manufacturing. Government is expected to have a customary seasonal drop, primarily in educational services. It is anticipated that employment levels will remain relatively unchanged in trade, finance-insurance-real estate and services.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND - APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

May 1980

	Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfill.Open End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
			Received FY to date 2/	Unfilled				
				Total	30 days or more			
TOTAL 3/	93,236	31,941	41,752	4,538	3,367	2.23	7.04	74.2
0 - 1 Professional, technical and managerial	10,206	3,466	3,484	1,522	1,317	2.93	2.28	86.5
2 Clerical and sales	24,506	7,639	10,398	1,568	1,171	2.36	4.87	74.7
Entry codes 4/	5,568	1,728	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
20-24 Clerical	14,465	4,449	8,328	1,310	1,001	1.74	3.40	76.4
25-29 Sales	4,473	1,462	2,070	258	170	2.16	5.67	65.9
3 Service	14,126	4,923	7,740	579	318	1.83	8.50	54.9
Entry codes 4/	2,459	822	------	------	-----	----	----	----
30 Domestic	944	341	1,513	54	22	.62	6.31	40.7
31-39 Other	10,723	3,760	6,227	525	296	1.72	7.16	56.4
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,824	890	1,063	60	21	2.66	14.83	35.0
5 Processing	2,394	738	2,275	26	18	1.05	28.38	69.2
6 Machine trades	4,325	1,639	1,449	95	56	2.98	17.25	58.9
7 Bench work	4,340	1,537	1,320	74	34	3.29	20.77	45.9
8 Structural work	11,357	4,233	4,608	195	105	2.46	21.71	53.8
9 Miscellaneous	13,380	4,679	9,350	185	94	1.43	25.29	50.8
Entry codes 4/	2,837	923	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
90-91 Motor freight transp.	4,617	1,598	3,550	79	41	1.30	20.23	51.9
92 Packaging, materials handling	5,526	2,008	5,427	72	25	1.02	27.88	34.7
93-97 Other 5/	400	150	373	34	28	1.07	4.41	82.4

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through May 31, 1980. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1/]

By Occupation

May 1980

Occupational Category	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	Number		Average Pay		Total		Unfilled 30 Days or More	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,403	5,140	$ 9,067/yr	$ 8,940/yr	1,826	2,512	1,050	1,359
Professional, technical, and managerial	769	892	11,746/yr	11,429/yr	588	650	407	433
Clerical and Sales	1,156	1,378	7,866/yr	7,633/yr	510	755	246	402
Service	803	817	3.43/hr	3.52/hr	288	402	149	216
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	149	170	3.74/hr	3.75/hr	35	64	14	29
Processing	217	266	4.75/hr	5.08/hr	38	42	29	26
Machine trades	234	311	5.29/hr	5.11/hr	79	141	45	62
Bench work	149	185	3.67/hr	3.64/hr	63	77	30	32
Structural work	576	610	4.67/hr	4.46/hr	152	245	91	93
Miscellaneous	350	511	4.64/hr	4.47/hr	73	136	39	66

[1/] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

May 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1980 2/	Apr 1980 3/	May 1979 3/	May 1980 2/	Apr 1980 3/	May 1979 3/	May 1980 2/	Apr 1980 3/	May 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$289.48	$290.88	$267.56	39.6	40.4	41.1	$7.31	$7.20	$6.51
Durable goods	281.95	288.35	269.44	39.6	40.9	42.1	7.12	7.05	6.40
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	258.40	249.55	239.55	40.0	39.8	42.1	6.46	6.27	5.69
Primary and fabricated metals	279.62	286.31	267.30	38.2	40.1	41.7	7.32	7.14	6.41
Machinery and transportation equipment	305.92	315.17	296.35	40.2	41.8	43.2	7.61	7.54	6.86
Nondurable goods	297.79	293.72	265.73	39.6	39.8	39.9	7.52	7.38	6.66
Food and kindred products	331.30	323.58	289.60	40.7	40.6	40.0	8.14	7.97	7.24
Meat products	360.96	348.39	312.05	41.3	40.7	39.5	8.74	8.56	7.90
Dairy products	211.70	208.05	195.52	36.5	36.5	37.6	5.80	5.70	5.20
Grain mill products	408.97	404.49	331.78	45.9	46.6	45.7	8.91	8.68	7.26
Bakery products	238.00	229.84	242.53	35.0	33.8	35.2	6.80	6.80	6.89
Other food and kindred products	215.72	215.39	212.82	36.5	37.2	37.6	5.91	5.79	5.66
Printing and publishing	243.76	250.33	238.80	36.6	37.7	39.8	6.66	6.64	6.00
Chemicals and allied products	293.85	301.40	259.16	45.0	44.0	41.4	6.53	6.85	6.26

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing dropped by $1.40 from April 1980 to May 1980. This included a gain of $4.07 in nondurable goods that was more than counterbalanced by a drop of $6.40 in durable goods.
Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased $21.29, including a gain of $12.51 in durable goods and a rise of $32.06 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours dipped by 0.8 hours month-to-month, and also declined by 1.5 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings increased $.11 month-to-month, and also gained year-to-year by $.80.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING[1]

(per 1,000 workers)

April 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	26	29	44	21	25	39	44	35	43	20	19	31	16	8	4
Durable goods	23	29	51	17	25	46	45	34	42	19	18	31	17	8	4
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	44	41	78	26	33	56	50	38	45	21	18	43	17	15	[4]
Furniture and fixtures	10	38	48	10	37	47	37	13	38	22	5	26	2	1	[4]
Primary and fabricated metals	25	39	57	15	35	53	36	36	42	16	17	29	14	12	[4]
Machinery and transportation equipment	16	20	46	14	16	43	46	31	39	18	16	29	20	7	1
Other durable goods	37	54	41	30	45	39	47	52	64	26	40	42	8	1	13
Nondurable goods	30	28	37	26	25	30	43	36	45	20	21	31	16	7	6
Food and kindred products	31	25	37	26	22	28	41	37	45	21	20	30	13	7	6
Meat products	30	25	41	27	23	31	47	36	55	24	19	34	15	6	8
Dairy products	22	3	31	22	3	29	14	25	42	5	16	31	5	[4]	6
Grain mill products	21	19	23	14	17	17	23	28	25	17	13	19	2	7	1
Bakery products	35	37	39	31	29	26	31	31	29	21	21	23	2	[4]	[4]
Other food and kindred products	46	38	42	36	29	30	58	50	48	26	30	34	27	13	8
Textiles and apparel	54	75	62	51	66	49	49	51	55	33	43	38	12	4	8
Paper and allied products	14	23	25	13	22	24	24	17	50	15	12	24	4	1	17
Printing and publishing	31	31	41	30	29	37	40	31	43	26	23	25	8	[4]	3
Chemicals and allied products	24	29	26	24	28	24	16	20	24	7	7	15	5	8	9
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	22	19	34	13	14	31	77	54	52	11	23	38	57	23	5

[1] Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

[2] Preliminary.

[3] Revised.

[4] Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 29 per 1,000 workers in March 1980 to 26 per 1,000 in April 1980. During that period, durable goods declined from 29 per 1,000 to 23 per 1,000, while nondurable goods gained from 28 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions in manufacturing decreased from 44 per 1,000 to 26 per 1,000. During that period, durable goods dropped from 51 per 1,000 to 23 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also declined from 37 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Separations increased month-to-month from 35 per 1,000 to 44 per 1,000. Year-to-year, separations had only a slight increase - from 43 per 1,000 to 44 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

May 1980

	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	7,839	6,495	4,003
Weeks claimed	39,600	48,414	25,189
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$3,047,219	$3,801,591	$1,481,731
Calendar year to date	$21,089,520	$18,235,668	$14,384,398
Average size of weekly payments	$93.27	$92.17	$77.86
First payments	3,370	3,076	1,814
Exhaustions	1,038	1,321	654
Individuals who drew benefits	12,637	14,846	6,781
Rate of insured unemployment	1.6	1.8	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$51,555	$58,515	$48,470
Average size of weekly payments	$73.13	$73.05	$66.86
First payments	49	39	32
Exhaustions	26	20	28
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$31,249	$30,481	$15,301
Average size of weekly payments	$90.31	$82.16	$79.28
First payments	31	27	32
Exhaustions	2	1	0
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	38,534	38,568	37,115
Contributions received	$9,687,618	$4,911,008	$8,797,850
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$84,241,478	$77,238,867	$72,122,876

UI initial claims in area claims centers increased from 6,495 in April 1980 to 7,839 in May 1980. Weeks claimed decreased from 48,414 in April to 39,600 in May 1980.

UI benefit payments decreased from 3.8 million in April to 3.0 million in May 1980.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 10,783 in April to 9,513 in May 1980. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 1.8% in April to 1.6% in May 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 21.4 million compared to 17.8 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 84.2 million in May 1980 compared to 72.1 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1]

May 1980

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	6,071	63.2
Female	3,540	36.8
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	8,645	89.9
All other races	966	10.1
AGE:		
Under 22	2,835	29.5
22 - 44	4,592	47.7
45 and over	2,184	22.8
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,543	47.3
5 - 14	3,663	38.1
15 and over	1,405	14.6

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,282	13.3
Clerical and sales	1,549	16.1
Service	729	7.6
Farm and related	103	1.1
Processing	441	4.6
Machine trades	655	6.8
Bench work	786	8.2
Structural work	2,555	26.6
Miscellaneous	1,511	15.7
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	1,846	19.2
Manufacturing	3,355	34.9
Durable goods	1,925	20.0
Nondurable goods	1,430	14.9
Transportation, Communication and utilities	433	4.5
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	1,677	17.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	258	2.7
Services	1,118	11.6
Government	243	2.5
Other	681	7.1

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for May was 9,611.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MAY 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	244.9	1.0	14.4	245.1	1.0	14.4
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	244.1	0.5	7.0	244.7	0.6	7.2
Food	250.4	0.5	6.9	251.0	0.6	7.2
Food at home	246.5	0.5	5.6	246.1	0.4	5.7
Cereals & bakery products	244.5	1.0	13.1	244.4	0.9	12.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	231.5	-1.5	-4.4	230.7	-1.5	-4.4
Dairy products	226.2	1.7	11.0	226.9	1.7	11.1
Fruits and vegetables	246.6	2.4	8.7	245.5	2.4	9.2
Other foods at home	298.1	1.0	12.1	298.0	1.2	12.3
Food away from home	264.6	0.6	9.7	267.6	0.9	10.6
Alcoholic beverages	185.4	0.8	8.1	186.9	1.0	8.7
HOUSING	261.7	1.5	17.7	261.7	1.5	17.7
Shelter	280.2	1.5	20.0	281.6	1.6	20.3
Rent (residential)	188.9	1.0	8.7	188.7	1.0	8.6
Other rental costs	261.9	0.5	13.7	261.7	0.5	14.0
Homeownership	312.9	1.7	22.8	315.4	1.7	23.3
Fuel and other utilities	275.9	2.0	18.8	276.4	2.0	18.9
Fuels	346.4	2.5	26.1	346.0	2.5	26.0
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	556.0	-0.1	52.6	557.1	-0-	52.7
Gas (piped) & electricity	298.2	3.5	18.5	297.5	3.4	18.3
Household furnishings & operation	204.2	0.6	7.9	201.9	0.6	7.3
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	177.5	0.1	6.9	176.8	0.4	6.7
Men's & boys' apparel	168.0	0.7	4.9	168.9	1.0	5.0
Women's & girls' apparel	154.1	-1.2	0.6	154.1	-0.4	1.4
Footwear	189.3	0.5	8.2	189.3	0.6	8.0
TRANSPORTATION	249.0	0.9	19.9	249.9	0.9	19.8
Private transportation	249.2	0.9	19.8	250.1	0.8	19.8
Public transportation	239.5	1.5	23.9	232.9	1.4	19.9
MEDICAL CARE	263.4	0.5	11.5	264.9	0.7	12.1
Medical care services	284.7	0.5	11.9	286.3	0.6	12.7
ENTERTAINMENT	204.0	0.7	8.6	202.4	0.5	8.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	211.2	0.7	8.9	210.6	0.7	8.7
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	284.8			285.1		

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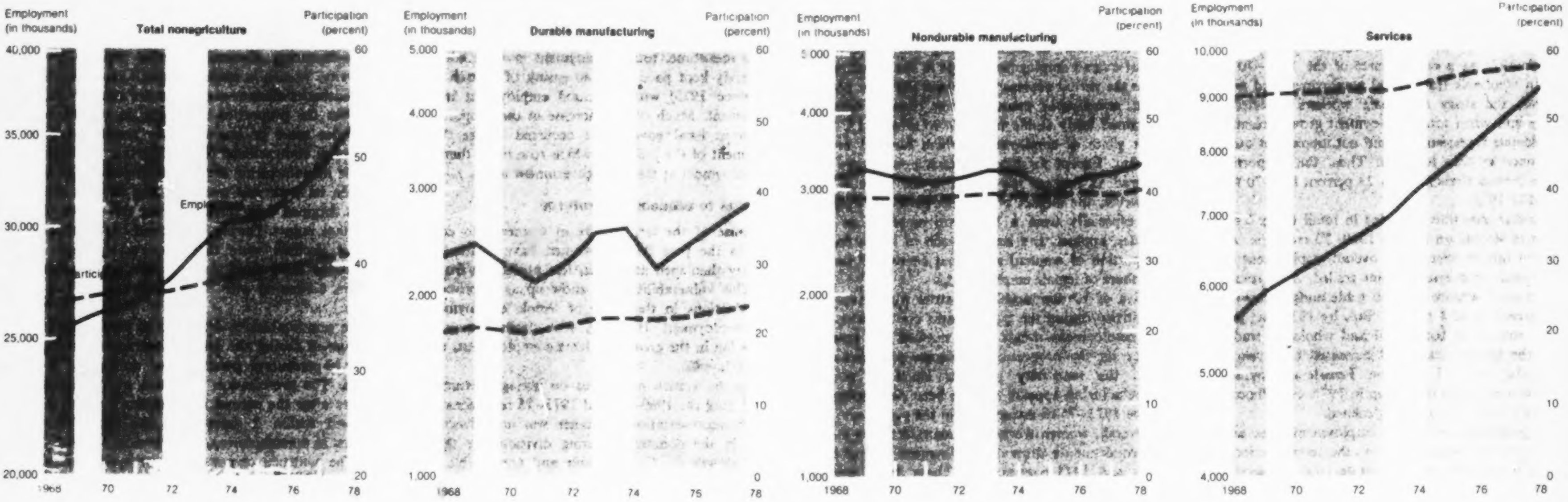

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - By Residence)

JUNE 1980

	PRELIMINARY	REVISED		CHANGE FROM:	
	Jun 1980	May 1980	Jun 1979	May 1980	Jun 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	810,100	801,100	810,450	9,000	- 350
Employment	776,350	773,400	783,650	2,950	-7,300
Unemployment	33,750	27,700	26,800	6,050	6,950
Unemployment rate 2/	4.2	3.5	3.3	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	288,400	285,450	287,850	2,950	550
Employment	272,650	273,500	274,950	- 850	-2,300
Unemployment	15,750	11,950	12,900	3,800	2,850
Unemployment rate 2/	5.5	4.2	4.5	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	115,050	115,500	113,950	- 450	1,100
Employment	111,000	111,600	110,800	- 600	200
Unemployment	4,050	3,900	3,150	150	900
Unemployment rate 2/	3.5	3.4	2.8	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 247,100 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 41,300 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 6,050 from May 1980 to June 1980, reaching a new total of 33,750. The May 1980 total was 6,950 more than in May 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 3.5 in May 1980 to 4.2 in June 1980, and compared to 3.3 in June 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 3,800 from May 1980 to June 1980, and were 2,850 more than in June 1979. The unemployment rates increased from 4.2 in May 1980 to 5.5 in June 1980, and compared to 4.5 in June 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 150 from May 1980 to June 1980, and increased by 900 from June 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 3.4 in May 1980 to 3.5 in June 1980, and compared to 2.8 in June 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 300 from June 1980 to July 1980, reaching a new total of 810,400. The unemployment segment is projected as 33,750, while the employment segment is projected as 776,650.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/ 2/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Jun 1980 3/	May 1980 4/	Jun 1979 4/	Change From		Percent Change From Jun 1979
				May 1980	Jun 1979	
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	634,300	634,250	641,200	50	-6,900	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	95,250	95,550	99,950	-300	-4,700	- 4.7
Durable goods	49,450	50,300	53,650	-850	-4,200	- 7.9
Construction material	4,950	4,850	5,750	100	- 800	-13.9
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,050	2,100	2,550	- 50	- 500	-18.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,900	2,800	3,200	100	- 300	-10.1
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,650	1,850	0	- 200	-10.8
Metals	9,250	9,300	9,750	- 50	- 500	- 5.4
Primary metal industries	2,000	1,950	1,850	50	150	9.0
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,250	7,350	7,950	-100	- 700	- 8.7
Machinery except electrical	13,150	13,400	14,050	-250	- 900	- 6.4
Farm machinery & equipment	7,600	7,800	8,350	-200	- 750	- 8.8
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,800	10,250	10,850	-450	-1,050	- 9.6
Transportation equipment	5,250	5,400	6,100	-150	- 850	-14.3
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,600	2,800	3,300	-200	- 700	-20.3
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,400	5,500	5,300	-100	100	1.8
Nondurable goods	45,800	45,300	46,300	500	- 500	- 1.1
Food & kindred products	27,450	26,800	27,250	650	200	0.8
Meat products	13,850	13,700	13,550	150	300	2.3
Dairy products	1,900	1,850	2,050	50	- 150	- 7.1
Grain mill	4,950	4,600	4,900	350	50	1.0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,750	6,650	6,750	100	0	- 0.1
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,250	2,300	0	- 50	- 1.2
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,550	7,500	7,250	50	300	4.5
Chemicals & allied products	2,700	2,650	2,500	50	200	7.4
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	5,850	6,100	7,050	-250	-1,200	-16.9
NONMANUFACTURING	539,050	538,700	541,250	350	-2,200	- 0.4
MINING	1,600	1,600	1,850	0	- 250	-11.4
CONSTRUCTION	33,450	33,500	38,000	- 50	-4,550	-12.0
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,950	9,200	11,100	-250	-2,150	-19.4
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	9,350	9,200	9,900	150	- 550	- 5.7
Construction - special trade contractors	15,150	15,100	17,000	50	-1,850	-10.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,000	46,550	47,400	450	- 400	- 0.8
Railroad transportation	15,650	15,400	15,850	250	- 200	- 1.4
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,700	14,600	15,150	100	- 450	- 3.1
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,700	16,550	16,400	150	300	1.9

TRADE	165,350	165,950	165,550	-600	- 200	- 0.1
Wholesale	48,350	48,200	47,850	150	500	1.0
Durable	24,900	24,950	25,150	- 50	- 250	- 1.1
Nondurable	23,450	23,250	22,700	200	750	3.4
Retail	117,050	117,700	117,700	-650	- 650	- 0.6
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	6,200	6,150	6,300	50	- 100	- 0.9
General merchandise stores	15,500	16,050	16,250	-550	- 750	- 4.6
Food stores	15,500	15,600	15,200	-100	300	2.2
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,650	16,450	17,150	200	- 500	- 3.1
Apparel & accessory stores	5,800	5,900	6,250	-100	- 450	- 7.5
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,150	4,150	4,100	0	50	1.2
Eating & drinking places	41,750	41,650	40,700	100	1,050	2.6
Miscellaneous retail	11,500	11,700	11,800	-200	- 300	- 2.7
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,400	3,400	3,450	0	- 50	- 1.3
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,100	8,300	8,350	-200	- 250	- 3.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	42,750	42,350	41,300	400	1,450	3.5
Banking	10,600	10,550	10,500	50	100	0.9
Insurance	20,650	20,400	19,900	250	750	3.8
Real estate	5,150	5,100	4,700	50	450	9.7
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,350	6,300	6,200	50	150	2.5
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	119,000	120,200	115,800	-1,200	3,200	2.8
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,500	7,300	7,550	200	- 50	- 1.1
Personal services	6,300	6,300	6,100	0	200	2.7
Business services	17,500	17,500	17,100	0	400	2.4
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	100	1.9
Amusement & recreation	7,750	7,500	7,200	250	550	7.5
Health services	41,550	41,350	39,650	200	1,900	4.8
Educational services	6,550	8,350	7,100	-1,800	- 550	- 8.0
Social services	5,850	6,000	5,800	-150	50	1.6
Membership organizations	9,450	9,450	9,750	0	- 300	- 3.1
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,450	12,350	11,500	100	950	8.3
GOVERNMENT	129,900	128,550	131,350	1,350	-1,450	- 1.1
Federal	17,450	17,300	16,450	150	1,000	6.1
State	35,200	33,300	35,050	1,900	150	0.3
Local	77,250	77,950	79,850	-700	-2,600	- 3.2

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

JUNE 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries showed a small increase of 50 from May 1980 to June 1980. During that period manufacturing employment dropped by 300 but this was offset by a gain of 350 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 300 in manufacturing included a drop of 850 in durable goods, along with a rise of 500 in nondurable goods. The largest loss in durable goods occurred in electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-450). The chief gain in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (650).

Month-to-month increases occurred in government (1,350), transportation-communication-utilities (450), and finance-insurance-real estate (400). The increase in government was largely in state government, primarily reflecting normal seasonal increases in outdoor related activities and hiring associated with summer school.

Month-to-month decreases occurred in services (-1,200), trade (-600), and construction/mining (-50). The major decrease in services was in educational services, following customary seasonal trends.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries declined by 6,900 from June 1979 to June 1980. This included a drop of 4,700 in manufacturing, and a reduction of 2,200 in nonmanufacturing.

The decline of 4,700 in manufacturing included a drop of 4,200 in durable goods and a dip of 500 in nondurable goods. Almost two-thirds of the decline in durable goods occurred in three categories: machinery except electrical (-900), electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,050), and transportation equipment (-850).

Year-to-year increases occurred in finance-insurance-real estate (1,450), and in services (3,200). The largest gain in services was in health services (1,900).

Year-to-year losses occurred in construction/mining (-6,700), transportation-communication-utilities (-400), trade (-200), and government (-1,450).

OUTLOOK. . . . .

Employment activity in August 1980 is expected to include a slight gain in construction/mining, a small increase in trade and also a small rise in services. It is anticipated that government will experience a slight drop. Agriculture is expected to have a substantial decrease, following customary seasonal trends. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in manufacturing, transportation-communication-utilities and in finance-insurance-real estate.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND - APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

June 1980

		Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
				Received FY to date 2/	Unfilled				
					Total	30 days or more			
TOTAL 3/		102,381	33,419	47,043	4,241	3,062	2.18	7.88	72.2
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	11,098	3,650	3,905	1,553	1,308	2.84	2.35	84.2
2	Clerical and sales	26,651	7,883	11,478	1,371	1,059	2.32	5.75	77.2
	Entry codes 4/	6,012	1,666	------	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
	20-24 Clerical	15,778	4,687	9,229	1,171	911	1.71	4.00	77.8
	25-29 Sales	4,861	1,530	2,249	200	148	2.16	7.65	74.0
3	Service	15,803	5,337	8,964	487	229	1.76	10.96	47.0
	Entry codes 4/	2,789	870	------	----	-----	-----	-----	----
	30 Domestic	1,059	374	1,721	41	17	0.62	9.12	41.5
	31-39 Other	11,955	4,093	7,243	446	212	1.65	9.18	47.5
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	3,348	951	1,342	73	10	2.49	13.00	13.7
5	Processing	2,531	728	2,462	18	6	1.03	40.40	33.3
6	Machine trades	4,753	1,773	1,558	63	34	3.05	28.10	54.0
7	Bench work	4,752	1,638	1,422	53	27	3.34	30.91	50.9
8	Structural work	12,597	4,370	5,333	228	72	2.36	19.17	31.6
9	Miscellaneous	14,437	4,794	10,507	158	84	1.37	30.34	53.2
	Entry codes 4/	3,029	924	------	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	4,981	1,699	4,025	62	27	1.24	27.40	43.5
	92 Packaging, materials handling	5,995	2,018	6,085	65	33	0.99	31.05	50.8
	93-97 Other 5/	432	153	397	31	24	1.09	4.94	77.4

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 6-30-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.

3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1/]

By Occupation

June 1980

Occupational Category	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	Number		Average Pay		Total		Unfilled 30 Days or more	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,791	4,403	$9,156/yr	$9,067/yr	1,511	1,826	669	1,050
Professional, technical, and managerial	771	769	12,136/yr	11,746/yr	546	588	345	407
Clerical and sales	1,024	1,156	7,758/yr	7,866/yr	382	510	144	246
Service	686	803	3.46/hr	3.43/hr	225	288	79	149
Farming fishery, forestry, and related	96	149	3.82/hr	3.74/hr	27	35	8	14
Processing	209	217	4.92/hr	4/75/hr	16	38	5	29
Machine trades	151	234	4.81/hr	5.29/hr	48	79	21	45
Bench work	124	149	3.66/hr	3.67/hr	46	63	23	30
Structural work	461	576	4.69/hr	4.67/hr	157	152	36	91
Miscellaneous	269	350	4.60/hr	4.64/hr	64	73	8	39

[1/] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

June 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1980[2]	May 1980[3]	June 1979[3]	June 1980[2]	May 1980[3]	June 1979[3]	June 1980[2]	May 1980[3]	June 1979[3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$297.60	$289.48	$266.85	40.6	39.6	41.5	$7.33	$7.31	$6.43
Durable goods	286.74	281.16	266.28	40.5	39.6	42.0	7.08	7.10	6.34
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	265.02	256.96	242.25	42.0	39.9	42.5	6.31	6.44	5.70
Primary and fabricated metals	271.70	279.97	271.47	38.0	38.3	41.7	7.15	7.31	6.51
Machinery and transportation equipment	313.88	304.72	284.93	41.3	40.2	42.4	7.60	7.58	6.72
Nondurable goods	309.32	298.58	267.90	40.7	39.6	40.9	7.60	7.54	6.55
Food and kindred products	346.30	330.89	293.58	42.7	40.8	42.0	8.11	8.11	6.99
Meat products	366.30	359.26	314.64	42.2	41.2	41.4	8.68	8.72	7.60
Dairy products	217.53	210.82	208.38	38.5	36.6	41.1	5.65	5.76	5.07
Grain mill products	453.35	402.28	335.34	51.4	45.2	48.6	8.82	8.90	6.90
Bakery products	233.22	236.95	236.99	33.8	35.0	34.8	6.90	6.77	6.81
Other food and kindred products	226.70	219.38	219.61	38.1	37.5	38.8	5.95	5.85	5.66
Printing and publishing	248.12	246.19	247.38	35.7	36.8	39.9	6.95	6.69	6.20
Chemicals and allied products	286.96	294.69	263.53	42.2	43.4	41.5	6.80	6.79	6.35

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[1] Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.

[2] Preliminary.

[3] Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $8.12 from May 1980 to June 1980. This included a gain of $5.58 in durable goods and a rise of $10.74 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $30.75, including gains of $20.46 in durable goods and of $41.42 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased by 1.0 hour month-to-month, but dropped by 0.9 hour year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings had a very slight month-to-month gain of $.02, and increased $.90 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING[1]

(per 1,000 workers)

May 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May 1980[2]	Apr 1980[3]	May 1979[3]	May 1980[2]	Apr 1980[3]	May 1979[3]	May 1980[2]	Apr 1980[3]	May 1979[3]	May 1980[2]	Apr 1980[3]	May 1979[3]	May 1980[2]	Apr 1980[3]	May 1979[3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	35	26	56	24	22	48	44	44	42	17	20	30	20	16	4
Durable goods	26	23	57	18	18	52	48	44	41	15	20	30	26	16	1
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	77	53	85	45	38	79	78	57	45	23	30	34	43	16	1
Furniture and fixtures	16	10	49	16	10	49	28	37	47	20	22	37	1	2	1
Primary and fabricated metals	25	25	69	17	15	56	42	36	41	10	16	30	25	14	[4]
Machinery and transportation equipment	18	16	48	13	14	45	48	45	37	13	18	28	28	19	[4]
Other durable goods	29	37	63	26	30	60	43	47	59	28	26	40	6	8	10
Nondurable goods	45	30	55	31	26	44	41	43	44	19	21	29	14	16	7
Food and kindred products	56	31	59	35	26	44	29	41	50	19	21	30	3	13	11
Meat products	49	30	44	31	27	36	30	47	67	19	24	35	4	15	20
Dairy products	44	22	43	34	22	41	24	14	27	16	5	17	8	5	4
Grain mill products	86	21	92	43	14	51	17	23	22	12	17	18	2	2	[4]
Bakery products	81	35	71	51	31	44	44	31	35	26	21	31	[4]	2	1
Other food and kindred products	45	46	70	35	36	62	37	58	56	23	26	38	1	27	9
Textiles and apparel	41	54	73	40	51	70	59	49	60	26	33	46	27	12	5
Paper and allied products	17	14	46	15	13	35	33	24	33	10	15	26	17	4	5
Printing and publishing	36	31	51	35	30	46	42	40	39	29	26	34	4	8	[4]
Chemicals and allied products	22	24	28	18	24	26	14	16	15	7	7	9	3	5	1
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	17	22	46	11	13	39	112	77	30	9	11	24	92	57	[4]

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[1] Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

[2] Preliminary.
[3] Revised.
[4] Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 26 per 1,000 workers in April 1980 to 35 per 1,000 workers in May 1980. During that period durable goods increased from 23 per 1,000 to 26 per 1,000, while nondurable goods increased from 30 per 1,000 to 45 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 56 per 1,000 to 35 per 1,000. This included a crop in durable goods from 57 per 1,000 to 26 per 1,000, and a decline in nondurable goods from 55 per 1,000 to 45 per 1,000. Separations remained the same in May 1980 that they had been in April 1980: 44 per 1,000, compared to 42 per 1,000 in May 1979. Layoffs increased from 16 per 1,000 in April 1980 to 20 per 1,000 in May 1980, and compared to 4 per 1,000 in May 1979.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

June 1980

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	7,591	7,839	4,389
Weeks claimed	48,265	39,600	20,705
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$3,731,340	$3,047,219	$1,194,071
Calendar year to date	$24,820,860	$21,089,520	$15,578,469
Average size of weekly payments	$90.29	$93.27	$76.36
First payments	4,347	3,370	1,553
Exhaustions	1,065	1,038	442
Individuals who drew benefits	14,460	12,637	5,775
Rate of insured unemployment	2.0	1.6	0.9
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$66,460	$51,555	$31,109
Average size of weekly payments	$76.04	$73.13	$60.17
First payments	60	49	21
Exhaustions	15	26	14
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$39,128	$31,429	$12,479
Average size of weekly payments	$86.00	$90.31	$79.99
First payments	29	31	12
Exhaustions	3	2	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	38,449	38,534	36,329
Contributions received	$103,284	$9,687,618	$218,664
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$80,585,303	$84,241,478	$71,378,043

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 7,839 in May 1980 to 7,591 in June 1980. Weeks claimed increased from 39,600 to 48,265 in the same period.

UI benefit payments increased from 3.0 million in May to 3.7 million in June 1980.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 9,513 in May to 11,440 in June 1980. The rate of insured unemployment increased from 1.6 percent in May 1980 to 2.0 percent in June 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 21.5 million compared to 18.1 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 80.6 million compared to 71.4 million one year ago.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1]

June 1980

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	6,715	60.1
Female	4,460	39.9
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	10,070	90.1
All other races	1,105	9.9
AGE:		
Under 22	1,773	15.9
22 - 44	6,978	62.4
45 and over	2,424	21.7
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	5,515	49.4
5 - 14	4,419	39.5
15 and over	1,241	11.1

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,677	15.0
Clerical and sales	1,811	16.2
Service	928	8.3
Farm and related	98	0.9
Processing	506	4.5
Machine trades	811	7.3
Bench work	1,023	9.2
Structural work	2,667	23.8
Miscellaneous	1,654	14.8
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	1,901	17.0
Manufacturing	3,807	34.1
Durable goods	2,360	21.1
Nondurable goods	1,447	13.0
Transportation, communication and utilities	500	4.4
Trade (wholesale & retail)	2,149	19.2
Finance, insurance, and real estate	271	2.4
Services	1,525	13.7
Government	265	2.4
Other	757	6.8

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[1] Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for June was 11,175.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JUNE 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	247.6	1.1	14.3	247.8	1.1	14.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	245.7	0.7	7.2	246.4	0.7	7.5
Food	252.0	0.6	7.1	252.7	0.7	7.3
Food at home	248.0	0.6	5.9	247.7	0.7	6.0
Cereals & bakery products	245.9	0.6	12.9	245.7	0.5	12.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	231.2	-0.1	-3.6	230.4	-0.1	-3.6
Dairy products	227.2	0.4	10.6	227.8	0.4	10.6
Fruits and vegetables	250.1	1.4	7.0	250.2	1.9	8.1
Other foods at home	301.8	1.2	13.0	301.4	1.1	13.2
Food away from home	266.6	0.8	9.8	269.9	0.9	10.4
Alcoholic beverages	186.4	0.5	8.3	188.0	0.6	9.0
HOUSING	266.7	1.9	18.3	266.9	2.0	18.4
Shelter	286.3	2.2	21.0	288.0	2.3	21.4
Rent (residential)	191.1	1.2	9.4	190.8	1.1	9.2
Other rental costs	264.2	0.9	13.7	263.9	0.8	13.8
Homeownership	320.4	2.4	23.8	323.4	2.5	24.4
Fuel and other utilities	282.2	2.3	18.1	283.0	2.4	18.2
Fuels	355.8	2.7	24.3	355.8	2.8	24.4
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	558.7	0.5	42.8	559.8	0.5	43.0
Gas (piped) & electricity	308.8	3.6	18.8	308.5	3.7	18.7
Household furnishings & operation	205.5	0.6	8.1	202.9	0.5	7.5
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	177.2	-0.2	6.9	176.0	-0.5	6.5
Men's & boys' apparel	166.8	-0.7	4.0	168.1	-0.5	4.5
Women's & girls' apparel	153.0	-0.7	1.5	151.2	-1.9	0.9
Footwear	189.0	-0.2	7.0	188.9	-0.2	7.3
TRANSPORTATION	249.7	0.3	17.5	250.6	0.3	17.3
Private transportation	249.7	0.2	17.1	250.8	0.3	17.1
Public transportation	242.2	1.1	24.8	234.9	0.9	20.6
MEDICAL CARE	264.7	0.5	11.4	265.9	0.4	11.6
Medical care services	285.9	0.4	11.7	287.3	0.3	12.2
ENTERTAINMENT	205.3	0.6	9.1	204.0	0.8	8.8
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	212.5	0.6	9.3	212.1	0.7	9.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	288.0			288.2		

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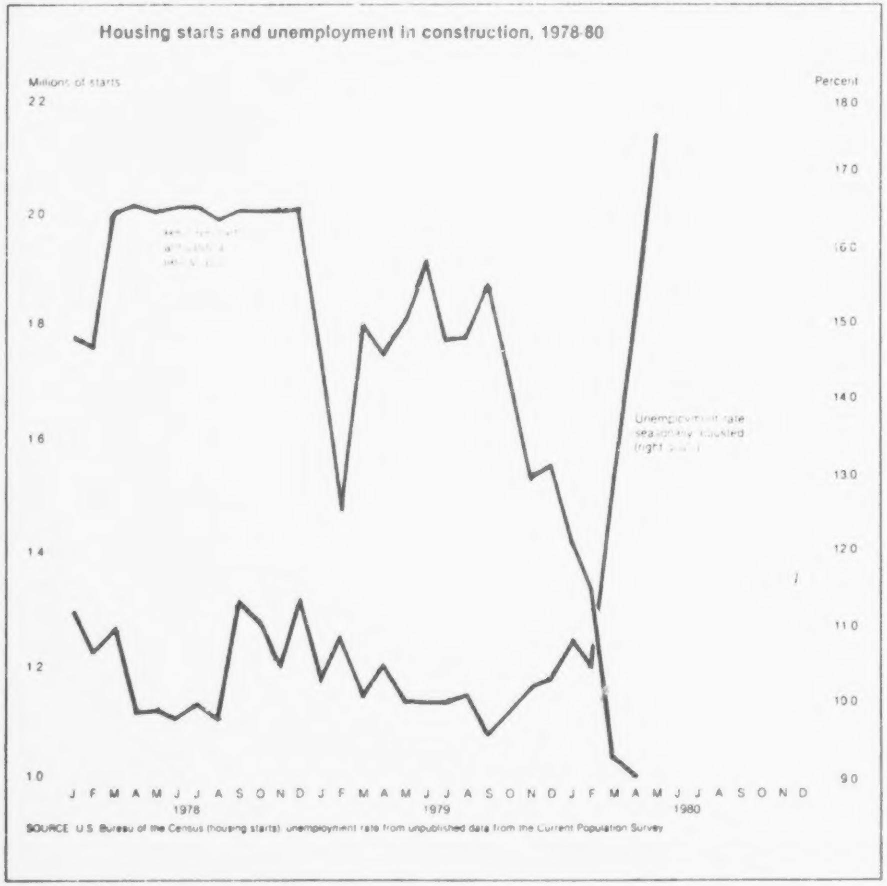
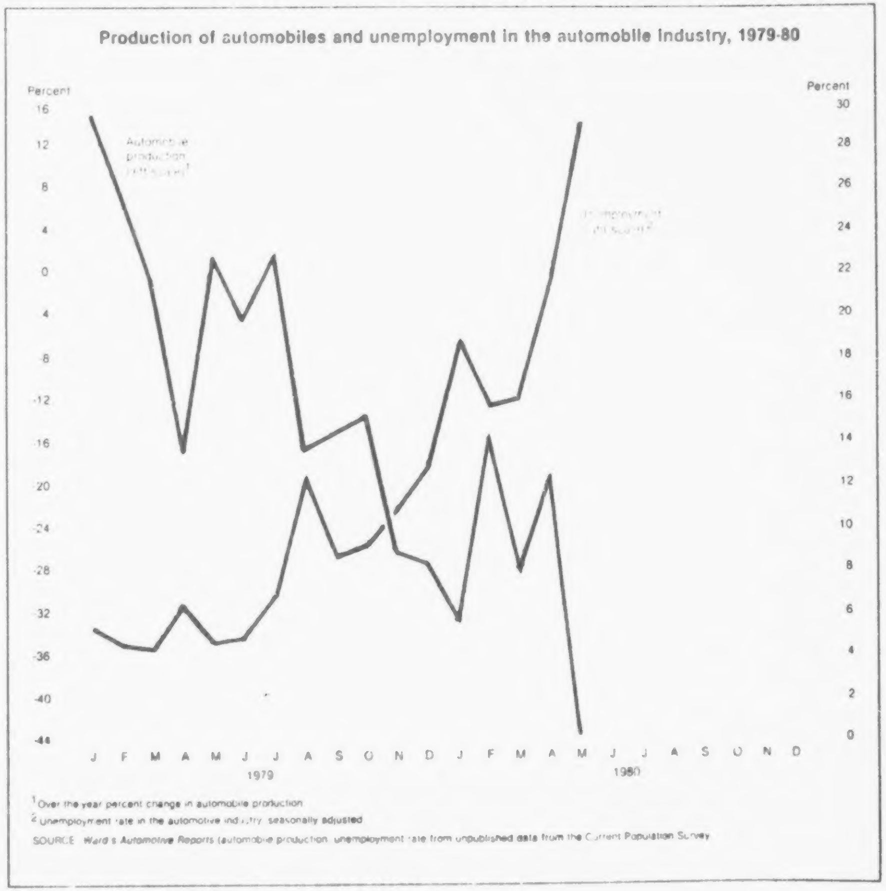
NEBRASKA Work Trends

July 1980

U. S. - AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION, HOUSING STARTS AND UNEMPLOYMENT *


Housing starts and unemployment in construction, 1978-80

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census (housing starts); unemployment rate from unpublished data from the Current Population Survey.


Production of automobiles and unemployment in the automobile industry, 1979-80

[1] Over the year percent change in automobile production.

[2] Unemployment rate in the automotive industry, seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: *Ward's Automotive Reports* (automobile production); unemployment rate from unpublished data from the Current Population Survey.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - By Residence)

July 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	June 1980	July 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	797,800	809,100	799,300	- 11,300	- 1,500
Employment	766,200	775,200	776,800	- 9,000	-10,600
Unemployment	31,600	33,900	22,500	- 2,300	9,100
Unemployment rate 2/	4.0	4.2	2.8	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	282,800	287,700	283,600	- 4,900	- 800
Employment	268,400	271,950	272,650	- 3,550	- 4,250
Unemployment	14,400	15,750	10,950	- 1,350	3,450
Unemployment rate 2/	5.1	5.5	3.9	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	110,750	115,200	109,350	- 4,450	1,400
Employment	106,950	111,150	106,400	- 4,200	550
Unemployment	3,800	4,050	2,950	- 250	850
Unemployment rate 2/	3.4	3.5	2.7	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 241,950 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,850 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment dropped by 2,300 from June 1980 to July 1980, reaching a new total of 31,600. The July 1980 total was 9,100 more than in July 1979. The unemployment rate moved downward, month-to-month, from 4.2 percent in June 1980 to 4.0 percent in July 1980, and compared to 2.8 percent in July 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 1,350 from June 1980 to July 1980, but increased by 3,450 from July 1979. The unemployment dropped from a 5.5 percent in June 1980 to 5.1 percent in July 1980, and compared to 3.9 percent in July 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA showed a small dip of 250 from June 1980 to July 1980, and had an increase of 850 from July 1979. The unemployment rate edged downward from 3.5 percent in June 1980 to 3.4 percent in July 1980, and compared to 2.7 percent in July 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 11,900 from July 1980 to August 1980, reaching a new total of 785,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 30,000, while the employment segment is projected as 755,900.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA[1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	July 1980[3]	June 1980[4]	July 1979[4]	Change From June 1980	Change From July 1979	Percent Change From July 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	622,450	632,950	630,500	-10,500	-8,050	-1.3
MANUFACTURING	93,500	95,100	99,900	- 1,600	-6,400	-6.4
Durable goods	47,650	49,200	53,450	- 1,550	-5,800	-10.8
Construction material	4,900	4,800	5,750	100	- 850	-14.7
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,000	2,500	100	- 400	-16.0
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,800	2,850	3,250	- 50	- 450	-13.7
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,650	1,800	0	- 150	- 9.9
Metals	8,950	9,300	9,700	- 350	- 750	- 7.9
Primary metal industries	1,800	1,950	1,850	- 150	- 50	- 1.3
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,100	7,300	7,850	- 200	- 750	- 9.5
Machinery except electrical	12,550	12,950	13,950	- 400	-1,400	-10.0
Farm machinery & equipment	7,400	7,500	8,300	- 100	- 900	-10.8
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,600	9,850	10,900	- 250	-1,300	-11.8
Transportation equipment	4,600	5,250	6,050	- 650	-1,450	-23.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,050	2,600	3,300	- 350	-1,250	-37.2
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,400	5,400	5,250	0	150	3.0
Nondurable goods	45,850	45,900	46,500	- 50	- 650	- 1.4
Food & kindred products	27,700	27,550	27,250	150	450	1.7
Meat products	14,050	13,950	13,650	100	400	2.9
Dairy products	1,900	1,900	200	0	- 100	- 5.0
Grain mill	4,850	4,800	4,900	50	- 50	- 1.9
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,950	6,900	6,700	50	250	3.9
Textile products & apparel	2,200	2,250	2,300	- 50	- 100	- 4.2
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,400	7,500	7,300	- 100	100	1.5
Chemicals & allied products	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	200	6.9
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	5,800	5,900	7,100	- 100	-1,300	-18.3
NONMANUFACTURING	528,950	537,850	530,550	- 8,900	-1,600	- 0.3
MINING	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	- 200	-12.4
CONSTRUCTION	35,400	33,800	38,400	1,600	-3,000	- 7.8
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	10,100	9,400	11,100	700	-1,000	- 8.9
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	9,550	9,300	10,150	250	- 600	- 5.7
Construction - special trade contractors	15,750	15,050	17,150	700	-1,400	- 8.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,400	46,200	47,450	200	-1,050	- 2.1
Railroad transportation	14,850	14,800	15,700	50	- 850	- 5.5
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,850	14,800	15,200	50	- 350	- 2.5
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,750	16,650	16,500	100	250	1.5

TRADE	164,750	165,100	165,450	- 350	- 700	- 0.4
Wholesale	48,200	48,100	48,000	100	200	0.4
Durable	24,600	24,600	25,200	0	- 600	- 2.4
Nondurable	23,600	23,500	22,800	100	800	3.6
Retail	116,550	117,000	117,450	- 450	- 900	- 0.8
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	6,250	6,300	6,150	- 50	100	1.3
General merchandise stores	15,400	15,650	15,900	- 250	- 500	- 3.4
Food stores	15,550	15,450	15,500	100	50	0.4
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,450	16,450	17,100	0	- 650	- 3.8
Apparel & accessory stores	5,850	5,850	6,250	0	- 400	- 6.8
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,100	4,150	4,150	- 50	- 50	- 0.1
Eating & drinking places	41,550	41,750	40,600	- 200	950	2.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,350	11,450	11,750	- 100	- 400	- 3.5
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,350	3,400	3,450	- 50	- 100	- 3.0
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,000	8,050	8,300	- 50	- 300	- 3.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	43,050	42,800	41,350	250	1,700	4.1
Banking	10,750	10,650	10,500	100	250	2.4
Insurance	20,650	20,600	19,950	50	700	3.5
Real Estate	5,150	5,150	4,700	0	450	9.3
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,450	6,450	6,200	0	250	4.6
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	119,350	119,900	114,750	- 550	4,600	4.0
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,450	7,300	7,500	150	- 50	- 1.2
Personal services	6,200	6,300	6,000	- 100	200	3.2
Business services	17,650	17,500	17,150	150	500	2.8
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,100	4,100	4,050	0	50	0.6
Amusement & recreation (including motion pictures)	7,900	8,050	7,100	- 150	800	11.0
Health services	41,850	41,800	39,250	50	2,600	6.6
Educational services	6,550	6,900	6,600	- 350	- 50	- 0.7
Social services	5,800	5,850	5,800	- 50	0	0.3
Membership organizations	9,300	9,400	9,700	- 100	- 400	- 3.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,600	12,650	11,550	- 50	-1,050	8.9
GOVERNMENT	118,400	128,450	121,350	-10,050	-2,950	- 2.4
Federal	17,000	17,000	16,400	0	600	3.6
State	30,100	35,200	29,650	-5,100	450	1.7
Local	71,300	76,300	75,350	-5,000	-4,050	- 5.4

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate. 4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

JULY 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 10,500 from June 1980 to July 1980. This included a drop of 1,600 in manufacturing and a decline of 8,900 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 1,600 in manufacturing occurred almost entirely in durable goods (-1,500), with approximately two-thirds of that reported in transportation equipment (-650), and machinery except electrical (-400). Nondurable goods showed a very slight dip of 50.

Month-to-month increases occurred in construction/mining (1,600), finance-insurance-real estate (250), and transportation-communication-utilities (200).

Month-to-month decreases occurred in government (-10,050), services (-550), and trade (-350). The major employment reduction in government reflected customary seasonal trends in educational services in state and local government. The largest factor in the service employment drop was a seasonal reduction in educational services. The chief decline in trade was in general merchandise stores (-250).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 8,050 from July 1979 to July 1980. This included a drop of 6,400 in manufacturing, and a decline of 1,600 in nonmanufacturing.

The employment reduction in manufacturing of 6,400 was primarily in durable goods (-5,800), with the largest losses occurring in machinery except electrical (-1,400), electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,300), and transportation equipment (-1,450). Nondurable goods dropped by 650.

Year-to-year increases occurred in finance-insurance-real estate (1,700), and in services (4,600). The major gainers in services were health services (2,600), and amusement and recreation (800).

Year-to-year decreases were registered by construction/mining (-3,200), transportation-communication-utilities (-1,050), trade (-700), and government (-2,950). The largest loss in transportation-communication-utilities was in railroad employment (-850). The decrease in trade occurred in retail trade, primarily in two areas: general merchandise stores (-500) and automotive dealers-gasoline service stations (-650). The major decrease in government was in local government (-4,050).

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in September 1980 is projected to show a moderate increase in trade, reflecting customary seasonal trends, primarily related to "back-to-school" activities. A moderate gain is also anticipated in service and government, mainly resulting from a customary seasonal upswing in educational services. By the same token, normal seasonal trends are expected to produce substantial employment reductions in construction/mining and agriculture. Employment levels are expected to experience relatively no change in transportation-communication-utilities and in finance-insurance-real estate.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

July 1980

	Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfill.Open End-of-month	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
			Received FY to date 2/	Unfilled				
				Total	30 days or more			
TOTAL 3/	111,276	32,579	53,319	4,436	2,951	2.09	7.34	66.5%
0 - 1 Professional, technical and managerial	12,038	3,778	4,364	1,474	1,246	2.76	2.56	84.5
2 Clerical and sales	28,816	7,714	12,771	1,434	1,002	2.26	5.38	69.9
Entry codes 4/	6,366	1,436	---	---	---	---	---	---
20 - 24 Clerical	17,213	4,800	10,227	1,195	874	1.68	4.02	73.1
25 - 29 Sales	5,237	1,478	2,544	239	128	2.06	6.18	53.6
3 Service	17,433	5,382	10,326	552	201	1.69	9.75	36.4
Entry codes 4/	3,025	818	---	---	---	---	---	---
30 Domestic	1,151	365	1,943	52	17	.59	7.02	32.7
31 - 39 Other	13,257	4,199	8,383	500	184	1.58	8.40	36.8
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	4,297	866	1,818	48	9	2.36	18.04	18.8
5 Processing	2,716	731	2,700	29	6	1.01	25.21	20.7
6 Machine trades	5,082	1,750	1,757	109	37	2.89	16.06	33.9
7 Bench work	5,101	1,619	1,537	93	32	3.32	17.41	34.4
8 Structural work	13,731	4,097	6,292	273	104	2.18	15.01	38.1
9 Miscellaneous	15,321	4,624	11,684	190	81	1.31	24.34	42.6
Entry codes 4/	3,205	894	---	---	---	---	---	---
90 - 91 Motor freight, transp.	5,326	1,686	4,505	81	25	1.18	20.81	30.9
92 Packaging, materials handling	6,322	1,887	6,743	79	30	.94	23.89	38.0
93 - 97 Other 5/	468	157	436	30	26	1.07	5.23	86.7

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 7-31-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.

3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

BY OCCUPATION

July 1980

	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,076	3,791	$ 8,946/yr	$ 9,156/yr	1,722	1,511	691	669
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	691	771	11,780/yr	12,136/yr	478	546	290	345
Clerical and Sales	1,059	1,024	7,874/yr	7,758/yr	469	382	184	144
Service	660	686	3.45/hr	3.46/hr	266	225	94	79
Farming, Fishery, Forestry & related	86	96	3.84/hr	3.82/hr	28	27	8	8
Processing	210	209	4.71/hr	4.92/hr	20	16	1	5
Machine Trades	214	151	5.12/hr	4.81/hr	90	48	23	21
Bench Work	138	124	3.78/hr	3.66/hr	77	46	19	23
Structural Work	668	461	4.45/hr	4.69/hr	204	157	62	36
Miscellaneous	350	269	4.18/hr	4.60/hr	90	64	10	8

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

JULY 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1980 [2]	June 1980 [3]	July 1979 [3]	July 1980 [2]	June 1980 [3]	July 1979 [3]	July 1980 [2]	June 1980 [3]	July 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$295.81	$298.49	$268.04	39.6	40.5	41.3	$7.47	$7.37	$6.49
Durable goods	280.62	288.72	260.38	38.6	40.1	41.2	7.27	7.20	6.32
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	243.20	262.71	237.72	40.0	41.7	42.0	6.08	6.30	5.66
Primary and fabricated metals	304.34	294.14	271.74	37.9	38.2	42.0	8.03	7.70	6.47
Machinery and transportation equipment	297.97	309.83	277.54	38.3	40.5	41.3	7.78	7.65	6.72
Nondurable goods	312.17	308.45	278.05	40.7	40.8	41.5	7.67	7.56	6.70
Food and kindred products	349.01	346.09	306.55	42.1	43.1	42.4	8.29	8.03	7.23
Meat products	370.06	368.51	325.48	40.8	43.0	41.2	9.07	8.57	7.90
Dairy products	212.78	214.89	204.00	37.2	37.7	40.0	5.72	5.70	5.10
Grain mill products	444.72	444.57	356.21	51.0	51.1	50.1	8.72	8.70	7.11
Bakery products	251.37	243.55	237.65	34.2	34.4	35.0	7.35	7.08	6.79
Other food and kindred products	243.01	236.34	237.69	40.3	39.0	40.7	6.03	6.06	5.84
Printing and publishing	253.08	251.92	256.68	37.0	36.3	41.2	6.84	6.94	6.23
Chemicals and allied products	300.80	301.89	269.02	44.3	44.2	42.1	6.79	6.83	6.39

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[1] Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
[2] Preliminary.
[3] Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing decreased by $2.68 from June 1980 to July 1980. This included a drop of $8.10, and an increase of $3.72 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $27.77 including gains of $20.24 in durable goods and of $34.12 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours dipped by 0.9 hours month-to-month, and also dropped by 1.7 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings increased by $.10 from June 1980 to July 1980 and also gained by $.98 from July 1979 to July 1980.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING[1/]

(Per 1,000 Workers)

JUNE 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
INDUSTRY	Jun 2/ 1980	May 3/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1979	Jun 2/ 1980	May 3/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1979	Jun 2/ 1980	May 3/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1979	Jun 2/ 1980	May 3/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1979	Jun 2/ 1980	May 3/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	32	35	46	22	24	42	37	45	42	14	17	31	14	20	3
Durable goods	26	26	47	17	18	44	42	48	42	12	15	31	18	26	2
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	63	77	72	37	45	70	30	78	56	19	23	45	3	43	4/
Furniture and fixtures	23	16	60	23	16	59	16	28	52	9	20	30	4/	1	10
Primary and fabricated metals	21	25	43	12	17	40	52	42	50	12	10	32	35	25	5
Machinery and Trans. equipment	18	18	43	11	13	40	44	48	36	10	13	27	18	28	1
Other durable goods	49	29	49	36	26	47	34	43	51	19	27	41	10	6	2
Nondurable goods	38	45	45	28	31	40	33	41	40	17	19	30	10	14	3
Food and kindred products	46	56	42	35	35	38	30	30	40	17	19	30	7	4	3
Meat products	35	49	30	25	31	29	31	30	44	19	19	33	8	4	2
Dairy products	29	44	14	23	34	11	15	24	40	15	16	21	4/	8	15
Grain mill products	63	83	66	58	42	55	24	20	22	6	11	17	9	5	1
Bakery products	44	81	70	36	51	58	40	44	46	26	26	43	4/	4/	4/
Other food and kindred products	71	45	50	44	35	48	38	37	49	22	23	38	9	1	3
Textiles and apparel	25	41	41	25	40	37	37	59	72	25	26	41	6	27	22
Paper and allied products	35	17	60	17	15	42	18	33	48	15	10	34	4/	17	7
Printing and publishing	27	38	53	24	36	51	27	44	36	20	31	29	1	4	1
Chemicals and allied products	19	22	22	17	18	19	18	14	24	9	7	13	4	3	4
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	23	17	53	6	11	47	68	112	43	8	9	32	51	92	4/

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised

4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 35 per 1,000 workers in May 1980 to 32 per 1,000 workers in June 1980. Month-to-month accession rates remained the same in durable goods (26 per 1,000), but decreased in nondurable goods from 45 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions declined from 46 per 1,000 in June 1979 to 32 per 1,000 in June 1980. Durable goods dropped from 47 per 1,000 to 26 per 1,000, and nondurable goods dipped from 45 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000. Separations in June 1980 were 37 per 1,000 compared to 45 per 1,000 in May 1980, and compared to 42 per 1,000 in June 1979. Layoffs decreased month-to-month from 20 per 1,000 to 14 per 1,000 but increased year-to-year from 3 per 1,000 to 14 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

JULY 1980

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	$ 7,776	$ 7,591	$ 4,087
Weeks claimed	55,391	48,265	26,461
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 4,071,664	3,731,340	1,405,205
Calendar year to date	$28,892,524	$24,820,860	$16,983,674
Average size of weekly payments	$ 89.03	90.29	76.06
First payments	3,669	4,347	1,943
Exhaustions	1,164	1,065	501
Individuals who drew benefits	14,994	14,460	6,422
Rate of insured unemployment	2.1	2.0	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 77,823	$ 66,460	$ 40,787
Average size of weekly payments	$ 75.48	$ 76.04	$ 68.90
First payments	76	60	45
Exhaustions	20	15	11
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 47,622	$ 39,128	$ 18,396
Average size of weekly payments	$ 83.40	$ 86.00	$ 81.76
First payments	50	29	29
Exhaustions	1	3	0
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,043	36,669	36,488
Contributions received	$ 2,674,066	$ 103,284	$ 5,782,940
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,220,510	$80,585,303	$75,783,294

UI initial claims received in area claims centers increased from 7,591 in June to 7,776 in July 1980. Weeks claimed increased from 48,265 to 55,391 over the same period.

UI benefit payments increased from 3.7 million in June to 4.1 million in July 1980.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 11,400 in June to 12,307 in July 1980. The rate of insured unemployment increased from 2.0% in June to 2.1% in July 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 24.2 million compared to 23.8 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 79.2 million compared to 75.8 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1]

JULY 1980

SEX	Amount	Percent of Total
Male	6,459	56.7
Female	4,935	43.3
RACE/ETHNIC		
White	10,291	90.3
All Other Races	1,103	9.7
AGE		
Under 22	1,849	16.2
22 - 44	7,070	62.1
45 & over	2,475	21.7
WEEKS EMPLOYED		
4 or less	4,891	42.9
5 - 14	5,285	46.4
15 & over	1,218	10.7

OCCUPATION	Amount	Percent of Total
Professional, Technical and Managerial	1,995	17.5
Clerical and Sales	1,993	17.5
Service	1,032	9.1
Farm and Related	90	0.8
Processing	528	4.6
Machine Trades	874	7.6
Bench Work	1,051	9.2
Structural Work	2,253	19.8
Miscellaneous	1,578	13.9
INDUSTRY		
Construction and Mining	1,482	13.0
Manufacturing	4,182	36.7
Durable Goods	2,699	23.7
Nondurable Goods	1,483	13.0
Transportation, Communications and Utilities	520	4.6
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	2,219	19.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	279	2.5
Services	1,667	14.6
Government	286	2.5
Other	759	6.6

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[1] Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month.
The insured claimant count for July was 11,394.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JULY 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	247.8	0.1	13.2	248.0	0.1	13.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	248.3	1.1	7.6	249.1	1.1	7.9
Food	254.8	1.1	7.6	255.5	1.1	7.8
Food at home	251.5	1.4	6.8	251.1	1.4	6.9
Cereals & bakery products	247.8	0.8	12.6	248.0	0.9	12.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	236.7	2.4	-1.0	236.1	2.5	-0.9
Dairy products	228.6	0.6	10.8	229.2	0.6	10.9
Fruits and vegetables	253.9	1.5	6.6	253.0	1.1	6.9
Other foods at home	304.3	0.8	12.9	303.7	0.8	13.0
Food away from home	267.8	0.5	9.4	271.2	0.5	10.0
Alcoholic beverages	187.2	0.4	8.4	189.2	0.6	9.2
HOUSING	265.1	-0.6	16.1	265.1	-0.7	16.1
Shelter	282.9	-1.2	17.8	284.3	-1.3	18.1
Rent (residential)	192.1	0.5	9.2	191.8	0.5	9.1
Other rental costs	265.7	0.6	12.6	265.5	0.6	12.9
Homeownership	315.4	-1.6	19.9	317.9	-1.7	20.3
Fuel and other utilities	285.5	1.2	17.2	286.1	1.1	17.2
Fuels	360.8	1.4	22.8	360.3	1.3	22.6
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	560.4	0.3	35.7	561.9	0.4	35.9
Gas (piped) & electricity	314.3	1.8	18.8	313.5	1.6	18.5
Household furnishings & operation	206.2	0.3	8.3	203.5	0.3	7.7
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	176.2	-0.6	7.2	175.4	-0.3	6.6
Men's & boys' apparel	165.9	-0.5	4.2	167.2	-0.5	4.1
Women's & girls' apparel	150.6	-1.6	1.9	149.9	-0.9	1.6
Footwear	189.5	0.3	7.3	189.3	0.2	7.2
TRANSPORTATION	251.0	0.5	15.9	251.9	0.5	15.7
Private transportation	250.5	0.3	15.2	251.5	0.3	15.2
Public transportation	250.5	3.4	27.1	245.8	4.6	24.4
MEDICAL CARE	266.6	0.7	11.1	267.8	0.7	11.4
Medical care services	288.0	0.7	11.4	289.3	0.7	11.8
ENTERTAINMENT	206.6	0.6	9.3	204.4	0.2	8.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	213.5	0.5	9.4	212.9	0.4	9.1
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	288.2			288.4		

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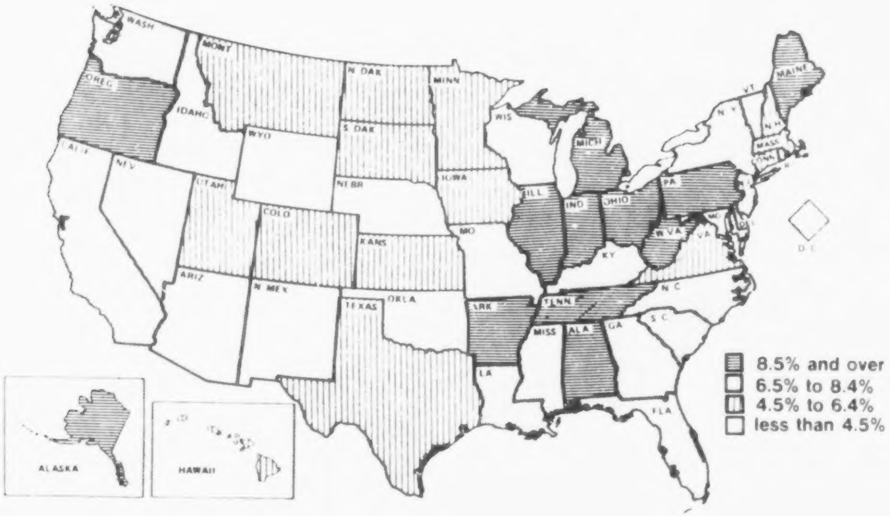
NEBRASKA Work Trends

August 1980

Unemployment Rates by State, July 1980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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1]

Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence

August 1980

	Preliminary Aug 1980	Revised Jul 1980	Revised Aug 1979	Change From: Jul 1980	Change From: Aug 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	779,800	799,900	779,750	-20,100	50
Employment	751,050	768,200	759,250	-17,150	-8,200
Unemployment	28,750	31,700	20,500	- 2,950	8,250
Unemployment rate [2]	3.7	4.0	2.6	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA [3]					
Civilian labor force	278,300	283,400	278,050	- 5,100	250
Employment	264,900	268,950	267,650	- 4,050	-2,750
Unemployment	13,400	14,450	10,400	- 1,050	3,000
Unemployment rate [2]	4.8	5.1	3.7	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA [4]					
Civilian labor force	109,450	110,550	108,350	- 1,100	1,100
Employment	106,000	106,750	105,850	- 750	150
Unemployment	3,450	3,800	2,500	- 350	950
Unemployment rate [2]	3.2	3.4	2.3	xxx	xxx

[1] Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

[2] Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

[3] Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 237,900, is included in the Nebraska total but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,400 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

[4] Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment dropped by 2,950 from July 1980 to August 1980, reaching a new total of 28,750. The August 1980 total was 8,250 more than in August 1979. The unemployment decreased from 4.0 percent in July 1980 to 3.7 percent in August 1980, and compared with 2.6 percent in August 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 1,050 from July 1980 to August 1980, but increased by 3,000 from August 1979. The unemployment rate moved downward from 5.1 percent in July 1980 to 4.8 percent in August 1980, and compared to 3.7 percent in August 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dipped 350 from July 1980 to August 1980, but increased by 950 from August 1979. The unemployment rate also decreased from 3.4 percent in July 1980 to 3.2 percent in August 1980, and compared to 2.3 percent in August 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 11,700 from August 1980 to September 1980, reaching a new total of 768,100. The unemployment segment is projected as 28,000, while the employment segment is projected as 740,100.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/ 2/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Aug 1980 3/	Jul 1980 4/	Aug 1979 4/	Change From		Percent Change From
				Jul 1980	Aug 1979	
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	625,250	624,900	632,450	350	-7,200	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	94,350	93,400	99,850	950	-5,500	- 5.5
Durable goods	48,000	47,650	53,250	350	-5,250	- 9.9
Construction material	4,900	4,900	5,650	0	- 750	-13.1
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,150	2,100	2,500	50	- 350	-13.8
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,750	2,800	3,150	- 50	- 400	-12.6
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,650	1,750	- 50	- 150	- 8.3
Metals	8,800	8,700	9,800	100	-1,000	-10.3
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,550	1,850	300	0	- 1.1
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	6,950	7,150	7,950	-200	-1,000	-12.4
Machinery except electrical	12,700	12,750	14,000	- 50	-1,300	- 9.0
Farm machinery & equipment	7,500	7,450	8,250	50	- 750	- 9.2
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,500	9,650	10,950	-150	-1,450	-13.4
Transportation equipment	5,100	4,600	5,800	500	- 700	-12.5
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,400	2,050	3,150	350	- 750	-22.8
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,400	5,450	5,300	- 50	100	1.5
Nondurable goods	46,350	45,700	46,500	650	- 200	- 0.4
Food & kindred products	28,000	27,550	27,300	450	700	2.5
Meat products	14,250	13,950	13,600	300	650	4.6
Dairy products	1,900	1,900	1,950	0	- 50	- 3.5
Grain mill	4,800	4,800	4,950	0	- 150	- 3.2
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,050	6,950	6,750	100	300	4.1
Textile products & apparel	2,150	2,200	2,300	- 50	- 150	- 6.5
Printing, publishing & allied industreis	7,500	7,500	7,450	0	50	1.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,650	2,700	2,500	- 50	150	6.9
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,050	5,750	7,050	300	-1,000	-14.2
NONMANUFACTURING	530,900	531,500	532,650	-600	-1,750	- 0.3
MINING	1,550	1,600	1,800	- 50	- 250	-13.0
CONSTRUCTION	34,950	35,150	38,600	-200	-3,650	- 9.4
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	9,850	9,850	11,100	0	-1,250	-11.5
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	9,200	9,500	10,300	-200	-1,100	-10.7
Construction - special trade contractors	15,900	15,800	17,150	100	-1,250	- 7.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,850	46,850	47,700	0	- 850	- 1.7
Railroad transportation	15,150	15,150	16,000	0	- 850	- 5.3
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,950	14,950	15,200	0	- 250	- 1.6
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,750	16,700	16,500	50	250	1.6

TRADE	164,550	164,700	165,200	-150	- 650	- 0.4
Wholesale	48,000	48,300	47,600	-300	400	0.9
Durable	24,550	24,600	24,950	- 50	- 400	- 1.5
Nondurable	23,450	23,700	22,650	-250	800	3.6
Retail	116,550	116,400	117,600	150	-1,050	- 0.9
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	6,050	6,200	6,050	-150	0	0.6
General merchandise stores	15,100	15,350	15,750	-250	- 650	- 4.3
Food stores	15,700	15,550	15,400	150	300	2.0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,550	16,550	17,250	0	- 700	- 3.9
Apparel & accessory stores	5,900	5,850	6,200	50	- 300	- 4.7
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,150	4,150	4,150	0	0	- 0.7
Eating & drinking places	41,750	41,400	41,050	350	700	1.8
Miscellaneous retail	11,350	11,350	11,800	0	- 450	- 3.8
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,350	3,350	3,500	0	- 150	- 3.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,000	8,000	8,350	0	- 350	- 3.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	42,900	43,050	41,100	-150	1,800	4.4
Banking	10,700	10,700	10,350	0	350	3.6
Insurance	20,500	20,650	19,850	-150	650	3.3
Real estate	5,150	5,150	4,700	0	450	9.4
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,500	6,550	6,200	- 50	300	5.0
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	119,550	119,300	114,600	250	4,950	4.3
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,450	7,450	7,550	0	- 100	- 1.2
Personal services	6,250	6,250	6,050	0	200	3.4
Business services	18,150	17,600	17,350	550	800	4.7
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,050	4,100	4,050	- 50	0	0.1
Amusement & recreation	7,850	7,900	7,200	- 50	650	9.6
Health services	42,650	41,900	39,800	750	2,850	7.1
Educational services	6,450	6,350	6,700	100	- 250	- 3.7
Social services	5,750	5,850	5,700	-100	50	0.8
Membership organizations	8,250	9,350	8,650	-1,100	- 400	- 5.0
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,650	12,650	11,550	0	1,100	9.6
GOVERNMENT	120,550	120,900	123,700	-350	-3,150	- 2.6
Federal	16,950	17,000	16,100	- 50	850	5.4
State	31,350	30,100	31,250	1,250	100	0.3
Local	72,250	73,800	76,400	-1,550	-4,150	- 5.4

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

AUGUST 1980 IN REVIEW . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 350 from July 1980 to August 1980. This included a rise of 950 in manufacturing, along with a drop of 600 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 950 in manufacturing was primarily in nondurable goods (650), with the remainder in durable goods. The majority of the increase in nondurable goods occurred in food and kindred products (450).

Services had a month-to-month gain of 250, including gains of 550 in business services and 750 in health services.

From July 1980 to August 1980, there were employment losses in construction/mining (-250), trade (-150), finance-insurance-real estate (-150), and government (-350). The drop of 150 in trade included a decrease of 300 in wholesale trade which more than counterbalanced a gain of 150 in retail trade. The primary decrease in government was in local government (-1,550).

On a month-to-month basis, employment levels in transportation-communication-utilities remained relatively unchanged.

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 7,200 from August 1979 to August 1980. This included a drop of 5,500 in manufacturing, and a decline of 1,750 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 5,500 in manufacturing was almost entirely in durable goods (-5,250), with the small amount remaining occurring in nondurable goods. Three categories of durable goods contributed over two-thirds of the decline: machinery except electrical (-1,300), electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,450), and metals (-1,000).

Year-to-year increases occurred in finance-insurance-real estate (1,800), and services (4,950). The primary gainer in services was health services (2,350).

Year-to-year losses occurred in construction/mining (-3,900), transportation-communication-utilities (-850), trade (-650), and government (-3,150). The decrease of 650 in trade included a small gain of 400 in wholesale trade that was more than offset by a loss of 1,050 in retail trade. The two largest employment reductions in retail trade were in general merchandise stores (-650), and automobile dealers and gasoline service stations (-700). The major decline in government employment occurred in local government (-4,150).

OUTLOOK . . . .

Employment activity in October 1980 is projected to show a small gain in agricultural employment, following customary seasonal trends. Manufacturing is expected to have a slight increase. At the same time, a minor drop is anticipated in transportation-communication-utilities. Construction/mining is expected to experience a substantial reduction in employment, resulting from customary seasonal trends. It is anticipated that government will show a moderate decrease, primarily reflecting the reduction in outdoor-related activities. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in trade, finance-insurance-real estate, and service.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

August 1980

				Nonag Job Openings					
		Applicants Available FY to date 2/	Active File	Received FY to date 2/	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL 3/		121,449	30,924	63,429	5,502	3,200	1.91	5.62	58.2
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	12,872	3,745	4,865	1,615	1,273	2.65	2.32	78.8
2	Clerical and sales	30,858	7,662	14,512	1,907	1,042	2.13	4.02	54.6
	Entry codes 4/	6,724	1,352	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	18,517	4,864	11,671	1,608	885	1.59	3.02	55.0
	25-29 Sales	5,617	1,446	2,841	299	157	1.98	4.84	52.5
3	Service	18,613	5,024	11,701	788	310	1.59	6.38	39.3
	Entry codes 4/	3,220	680	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	1,211	336	2,152	62	21	0.56	5.42	33.9
	31-39 Other	14,182	4,008	9,549	726	289	1.49	5.52	39.8
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	7,540	808	5,332	86	21	1.41	9.40	24.4
5	Processing	2,903	706	2,933	33	17	0.99	21.39	51.5
6	Machine trades	5,392	1,609	1,953	125	45	2.76	12.87	36.0
7	Bench work	5,437	1,603	1,662	84	52	3.27	19.08	61.9
8	Structural work	14,612	3,709	7,285	350	108	2.01	10.60	30.9
9	Miscellaneous	16,166	4,417	13,113	281	100	1.23	15.72	35.6
	Entry codes 4/	3,335	756	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	5,643	1,650	5,136	119	37	1.10	13.87	31.1
	92 Packaging, materials handling	6,670	1,832	7,499	119	36	0.89	15.39	30.3
	93-97 Other 5/	518	179	478	43	27	1.08	4.16	62.8

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Autoamted Reporting System).

2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 8-31-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.

3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1/]

BY OCCUPATION

August 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	5,205	4,076	$ 8,778/yr	$ 8,946/yr	2,520	1,722	786	691
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	736	691	11,140/yr	11,780/yr	551	478	234	290
Clerical and Sales	1,613	1,059	7,632/yr	7,874/yr	927	469	207	184
Service	829	660	3.46/hr	3.45/hr	372	266	135	94
Farming, Fishery, Forestry & related	91	86	3.80/hr	3.84/hr	27	28	14	8
Processing	231	210	5.09/hr	4.71/hr	27	20	14	1
Machine Trades	274	214	4.98/hr	5.12/hr	120	90	40	23
Bench Work	193	138	3.62/hr	3.78/hr	75	77	38	19
Structural Work	694	668	4.62/hr	4.45/hr	257	204	63	62
Miscellaneous	544	350	4.48/hr	4.18/hr	164	90	41	10

[1/] Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

August 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug 1980 2/	July 1980 3/	Aug 1979 3/	Aug 1980 2/	July 1980 3/	Aug 1979 3/	Aug 1980 2/	July 1980 3/	Aug 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$302.60	$297.00	$270.50	40.4	39.6	40.8	$7.49	$7.50	$6.63
Durable goods	287.56	281.35	262.51	39.5	38.7	40.2	7.28	7.27	6.53
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	250.26	250.04	235.15	40.3	40.2	41.4	6.21	6.22	5.68
Primary and fabricated metals	300.55	306.75	262.28	37.9	38.2	39.8	7.93	8.03	6.59
Machinery and transportation equipment	308.83	298.38	280.40	39.9	38.5	40.0	7.74	7.75	7.01
Nondurable goods	318.42	313.07	279.04	41.3	40.5	41.4	7.71	7.73	6.74
Food and kindred products	355.58	350.68	307.52	43.1	42.2	42.3	8.25	8.31	7.27
Meat products	377.83	372.28	331.97	42.5	41.0	41.6	8.89	9.08	7.98
Dairy products	231.26	213.73	208.17	40.5	37.3	39.5	5.71	5.73	5.27
Grain mill products	435.31	448.80	349.86	48.1	51.0	49.0	9.05	8.80	7.14
Bakery products	267.07	256.78	234.18	35.8	34.7	34.9	7.46	7.40	6.71
Other food and kindred products	258.49	243.01	229.82	42.1	40.3	39.9	6.14	6.03	5.76
Printing and publishing	266.95	255.25	262.06	38.3	37.1	41.4	6.97	6.88	6.33
Chemicals and allied products	295.58	300.22	268.36	42.9	43.7	41.8	6.89	6.87	6.42

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $5.60 from July 1980 to August 1980. This included a rise of $6.21 in durable goods and a gain of $5.35 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $32.10, with durable goods increasing by $25.05 and nondurable goods also gaining by $39.38.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.8 hours from July 1980 to August 1980, but dropped by 0.4 hours from August 1979.

Average hourly earnings had a very slight dip of $.01 from July 1980 to August 1980, but showed a strong gain of $.86 from August 1979 to August 1980.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 Workers)

JULY 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jul 2/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1980	Jul 3/ 1979	Jul 2/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1980	Jul 3/ 1979	Jul 2/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1980	Jul 3/ 1979	Jul 2/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1980	Jul 3/ 1979	Jul 2/ 1980	Jun 3/ 1980	Jul 3/ 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	26	32	39	18	22	35	32	37	37	17	14	27	10	14	3
Durable goods	21	26	42	12	17	39	33	41	39	14	12	27	13	18	3
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	32	63	61	22	37	59	33	30	50	21	19	42	4	3	1
Furniture and fixtures	7	23	40	7	23	38	26	16	76	19	9	27	4/	4/	7
Primary and fabricated metals	19	21	40	7	12	37	33	52	46	12	12	25	16	35	11
Machinery and Trans. equipment	16	18	37	6	11	34	33	43	33	11	10	24	18	17	1
Other durable goods	45	49	52	39	36	48	32	34	40	26	19	35	2	10	4/
Nondurable goods	32	38	36	25	28	31	30	33	35	19	17	27	6	10	2
Food and kindred products	36	46	35	33	34	29	29	30	33	20	17	26	3	7	2
Meat products	36	35	34	34	25	25	22	31	28	17	19	22	4/	8	2
Dairy products	23	29	15	23	23	15	24	15	34	21	15	31	3	4/	3
Grain mill products	20	62	26	18	57	24	34	24	22	15	6	17	12	9	4/
Bakery products	55	44	29	49	36	26	41	40	50	27	26	40	7	4/	2
Other food and kindred products	50	71	64	43	44	57	46	38	52	32	22	40	2	9	2
Textiles and apparel	38	25	63	27	25	55	54	37	59	39	25	47	9	6	8
Paper and allied products	20	35	19	20	17	16	48	18	25	16	15	21	26	4/	1
Printing and publishing	18	27	42	16	24	40	23	27	44	18	20	35	2	1	1
Chemicals and allied products	9	19	11	9	17	11	9	18	17	4	9	12	2	4	1
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	47	23	35	6	6	31	46	68	35	12	8	26	25	51	3

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 32 per 1,000 workers in June 1980 to 26 per 1,000 workers in July 1980. During that period, durable goods decreased from 26 per 1,000 to 21 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also dipped from 38 per 1.000 to 32 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 39 per 1,000 to 26 per 1,000, with durable goods declining from 42 per 1,000 to 21 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also dipping from 36 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000. Separation rates dropped by the same extent, both month-to-month and year-to-year: 37 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000. Layoffs dropped from 14 per 1,000 in June 1980 to 10 per 1,000 in July 1980, but increased from 3 per 1,000 to 10 per 1,000 on a year-to-year basis.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 1980

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	August 1980	July 1980	August 1979
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	5,297	7,776	3,210
Weeks claimed	45,529	55,391	22,246
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 3,458,227	$ 4,071,664	$ 1,263,549
Calendar year to date	$32,350,751	$28,892,524	$18,247,223
Average size of weekly payments	$ 88.69	$ 89.03	$ 76.06
First payments	3,219	3,669	1,747
Exhaustions	1,057	1,164	455
Individuals who drew benefits	14,021	14,994	6,101
Rate of insured unemployment	1.9	2.1	0.9
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 80,791	$ 77,823	$ 45,495
Average size of weekly payments	$ 74.39	$ 75.48	$ 69.04
First payments	57	76	41
Exhaustions	15	20	11
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 41,719	$ 47,622	$ 13,542
Average size of weekly payments	$ 85.49	$ 83.40	$ 81.58
First payments	57	50	11
Exhaustions	4	1	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,237	36,043	36,544
Contributions received	$ 6,621,877	$ 2,674,066	$ 3,553,767
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$84,374,961	$79,220,510	$79,089,966

UI initial claims received in area claims centers decreased from 7,776 in July 1980 to 5,297 in August 1980. Weeks claimed decreased from 55,391 to 45,529 over the same period.

UI benefit payments decreased from 4.1 million in July to 3.5 million in August 1980.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 12,307 to 11,619. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.1% in July to 1.9% in August 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 30.8 million compared to 27.4 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 84.4 million compared to 79.1 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1]

AUGUST 1980

SEX	Amount	Percent of Total
Male	5,623	55.5
Female	4,514	44.5
RACE/ETHNIC		
White	9,035	89.1
All Other Races	1,102	10.9
AGE		
Under 22	1,561	15.4
22 - 44	6,354	62.7
45 & over	2,222	21.9
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED		
4 or less	4,011	39.6
5 - 14	4,682	46.2
15 & over	1,444	14.2

OCCUPATION	Amount	Percent of Total
Professional, Technical and Managerial	1,523	15.0
Clerical and Sales	1,972	19.5
Service	1,061	10.5
Farm and Related	103	1.0
Processing	390	3.9
Machine Trades	755	7.5
Bench Work	1,048	10.2
Structural Work	1,814	17.8
Miscellaneous	1,471	14.6
INDUSTRY		
Construction and Mining	1,156	11.4
Manufacturing	3,449	34.0
Durable Goods	2,324	22.9
Nondurable Goods	1,125	11.1
Transportation, Communications and Utilities	442	4.4
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	2,128	21.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	236	2.3
Services	1,673	16.5
Government	292	2.9
Other	761	7.5

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[1] Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month.
The insured claimant count for August was 10,137.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	249.4	0.6	12.8	249.6	0.6	12.7
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	252.0	1.5	9.5	252.5	1.4	9.6
Food	258.7	1.5	9.5	259.2	1.4	9.6
Food at home	256.3	1.9	9.6	255.6	1.8	9.5
Cereals & bakery products	249.2	0.6	11.4	249.6	0.6	11.4
Meats, poultry, fish, & eggs	245.4	3.7	6.6	244.3	3.5	6.4
Dairy products	229.7	0.5	10.1	229.9	0.3	10.1
Fruits and vegetables	258.4	1.8	8.7	256.6	1.4	8.3
Other foods at home	307.8	1.2	12.8	307.4	1.2	13.1
Food away from home	269.5	0.6	9.3	272.8	0.6	9.9
Alcoholic beverages	188.7	0.8	8.9	190.6	0.7	9.8
HOUSING	265.8	0.3	14.8	265.8	0.3	14.8
Shelter	283.3	0.1	16.2	284.8	0.2	16.5
Rent (residential)	193.2	0.6	8.8	193.0	0.6	8.9
Other rental costs	267.5	0.7	12.3	267.3	0.7	12.5
Homeownership	315.4	-0-	17.9	318.1	0.1	18.3
Fuel and other utilities	286.8	0.5	16.0	287.4	0.5	16.0
Fuels	362.5	0.5	21.0	362.1	0.5	20.8
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	561.5	0.2	28.0	562.7	0.1	28.2
Gas (piped) & electricity	316.1	0.6	18.6	315.4	0.6	18.3
Household furnishings & operation	207.2	0.5	8.4	204.5	0.5	7.7
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	178.6	1.4	7.4	177.9	1.4	7.0
Men's & boys' apparel	167.9	1.2	5.2	168.4	0.7	4.5
Women's & girls' apparel	153.7	2.1	1.6	154.1	2.8	2.4
Footwear	190.3	0.4	7.2	190.0	0.4	7.4
TRANSPORTATION	252.7	0.7	15.1	253.5	0.6	14.9
Private transportation	251.6	0.4	14.2	252.7	0.5	14.2
Public transportation	261.5	4.4	30.2	256.9	4.5	28.1
MEDICAL CARE	268.4	0.7	11.0	270.0	0.8	11.3
Medical care services	289.8	0.6	11.2	291.7	0.8	11.7
ENTERTAINMENT	208.0	0.7	9.4	205.6	0.6	8.8
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	214.5	0.5	8.9	214.0	0.5	8.5
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	290.0			290.3		